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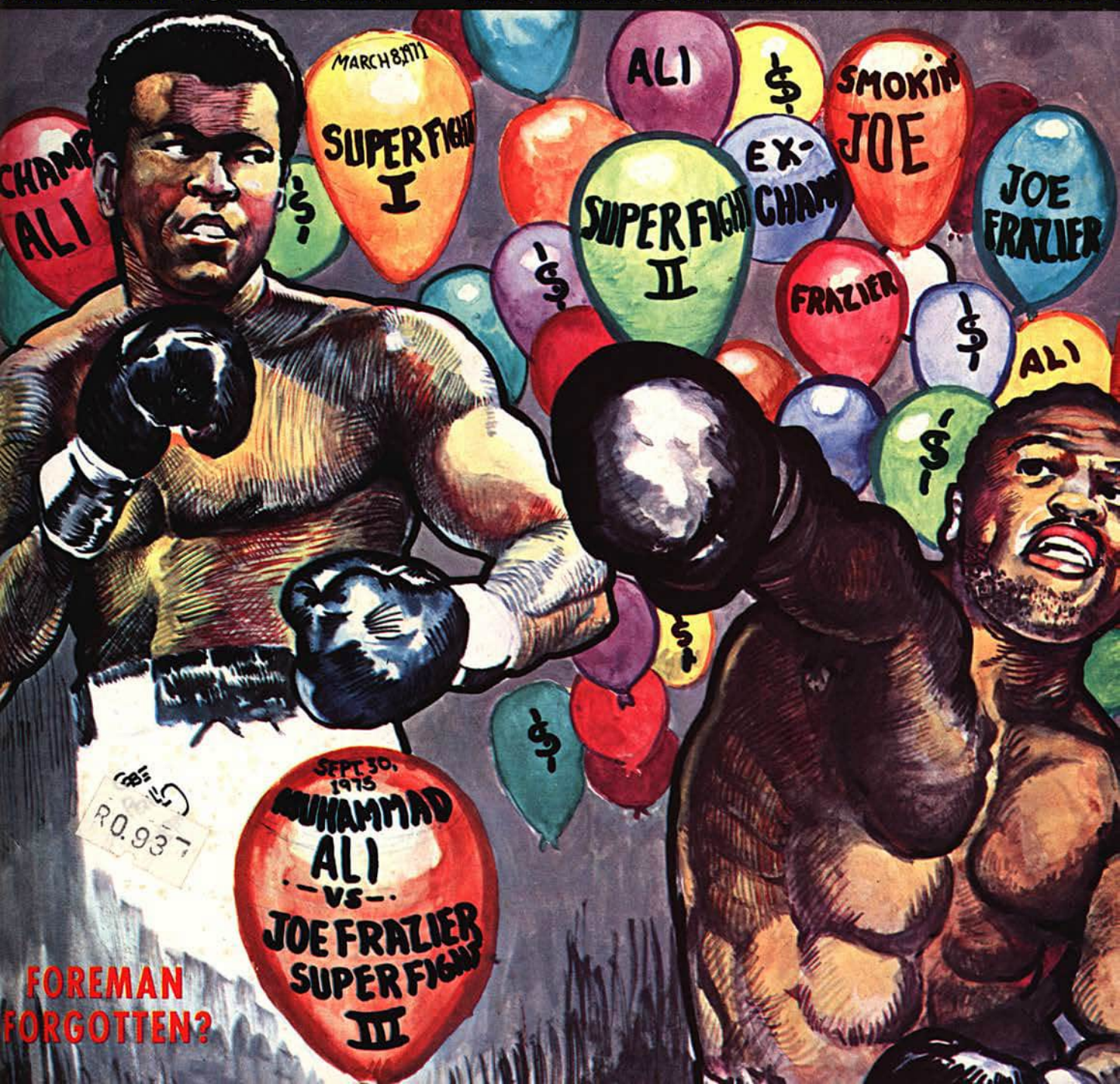

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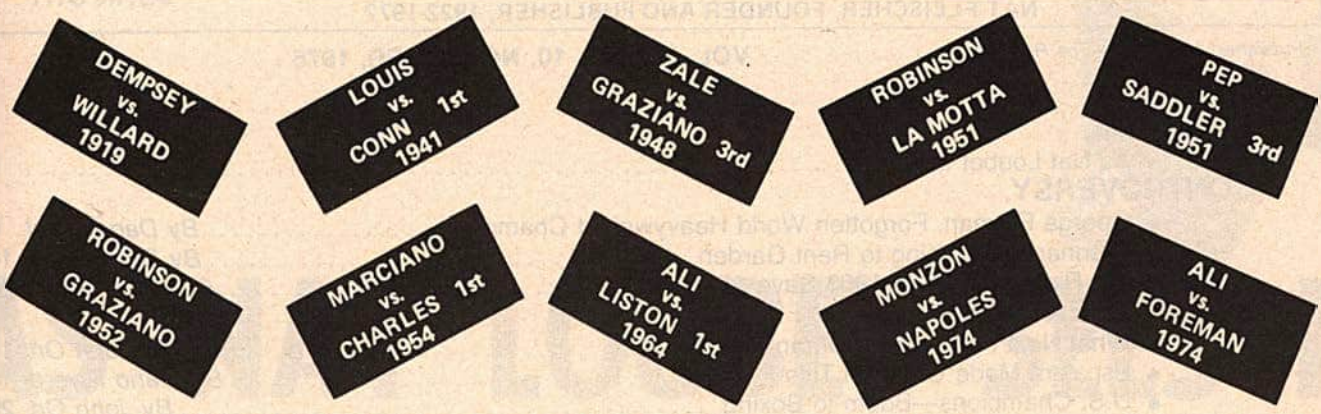

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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

WHAT is to be said about the third meeting of Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier?

Like the Ali-Foreman bout in Zaire and the Ali-Bugner brawl in Kuala Lumpur, this fight, arranged for Manila, was wrongly located.

This third fight, with the score one and one, definitely should be fought in New York's Madison Square Garden, where the other two scraps were contested.

Taking it all the way to the Philippines points out strongly that now, more than ever, the financial side of the heavyweight title situation is being stressed.

The contest was sold to Manila with no basis of justification for that choice of venue.

The fight is to be held in the Philippines because at Manila Muhammad Ali can grab off a few more million dollars.

He likes to fight in the Garden. He likes, yes, prefers to do his richly rewarded exercises in New York, which made him what he is today.

But Ali's first consideration is not for the good and welfare of the fight game, but for the financial return and where it can reach the highest result in dollars.

Blame Ali? No, not too vehemently. The name of the game has become $$$$$$$$$$$$. From where the $$$$$$ are to be picked up does not figure principally any more. The idea is to grab while the grabbing is good.

One more big haul, probably against George Foreman, and Ali will call it a career and retire to the estate he just has bought for his retiring years.

Of all the locales predicted for the third fight, Manila was the most unlikely.

The best venue outside of New York, outside of the United States, appears to be Cairo, Egypt.

Anwar El-Sadat, president of the Land of the Pyramids, needed the publicity most of all of the suggested places. Egypt needs tourism and the money tourism would bring. But Egypt has been fearing a fresh outbreak of war with Israel.

So off went the fight to dictator ridden Zaire in the old Belgian Congo, where the poverty of the laboring class was bypassed and Mobuto guaranteed the fighters ten million dollars which his national treasury hardly could afford.

Nor was the fight in Kuala more sensibly located. The prevalent tune was Ali's marching song in the direction of his banks.

The interlude in Cleveland with Chuck Wepner was merely a bow to the Ohio citizenship of Don King, with Muhammad throwing in an exercise for a low rate to please the promoter who had been adding to his millions.

What can be said for Manila and the Philippines as the venue for the biggest fight of them all? This fight will bring out Muhammad in the best form he is capable of achieving. He has been getting away with inferior shows but this time it will have to be a FIGHT.

Both fighters will have to provide their best efforts under the most severe scrutiny of the experts of the world. In Manila, a repeat of Ali's effort against Bugner will not do, and Frazier will have to fight himself out of the bog into which he fell the day Foreman took the title away from him in Nassau.

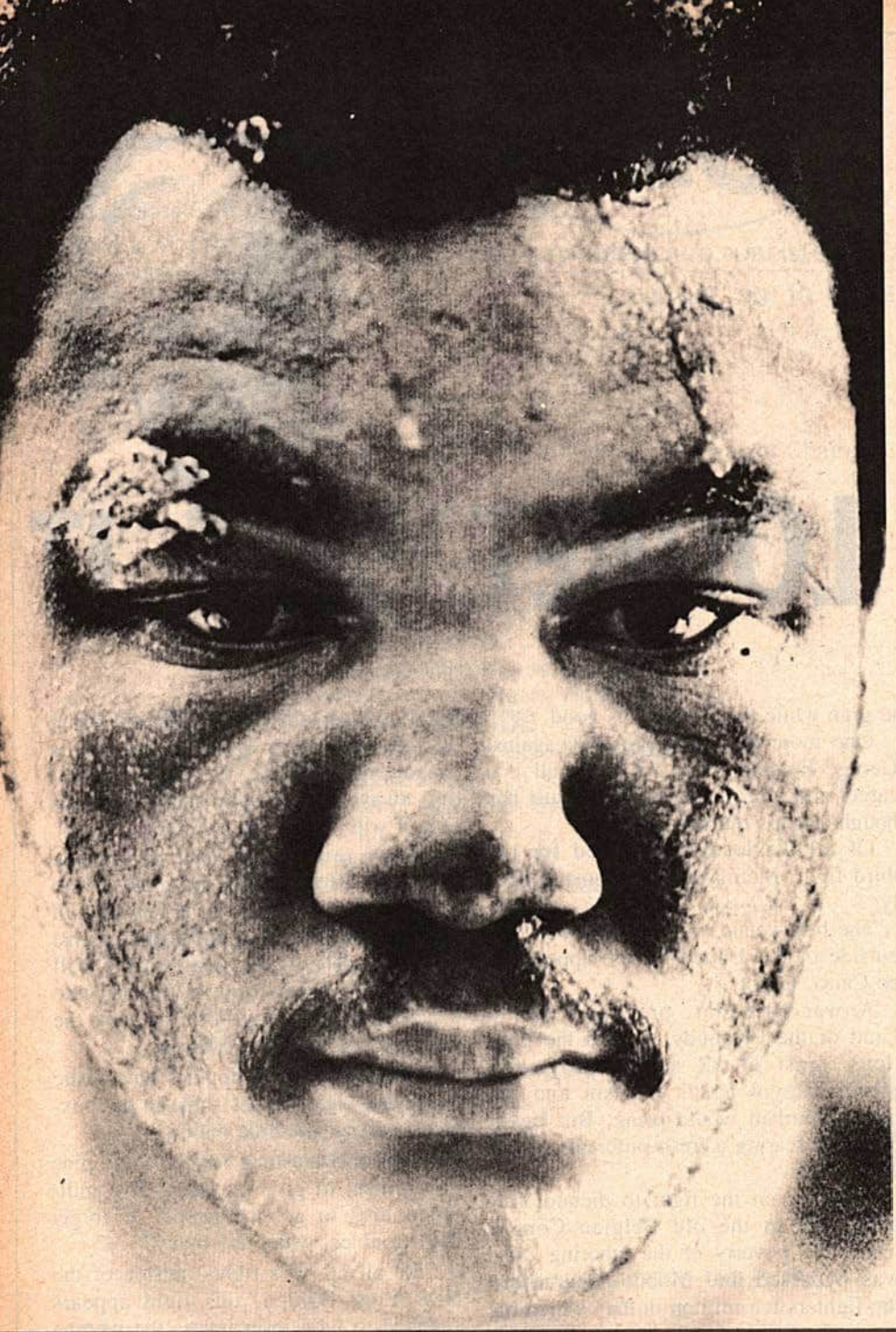
Manila and the Philippines have fistic traditions. Great names shine in the boxing history of the little nation.

But is this the time for the Philippine government to give up nearly five million dollars to get the people to forget their troubles, which are many?

Like all of Ali's fights outside of the New York Garden, this fight appears destined to be a loser unless the income from world television makes more money than is expected. Maybe Manila will break even. But that does not erase the fact that Manila is not the ideal place for this fight.

From Manila, where? There will be another Don King hunt for a spot offering millions, and then heavyweight boxing will come to its senses.

Ali's purchase of an eighty acre estate may be significant. For a training ground? For a retirement locale?



George Foreman, who has suffered from the problem of obscurity lately, hopes for another shot at the heavyweight title.

George Foreman, Forgotten World Heavyweight Champ

By DAN DANIEL

THE fight in which George Foreman knocked out Joe Frazier in the second round in Jamaica, for the world heavyweight championship, was one of the most exciting and important contests in the history of boxing. Joe was decked six times.

The fight in which Foreman lost the title in the eighth round, in Zaire, to Muhammad Ali was one of the most uninteresting and lackluster affairs in the annals of the heavyweight title.

From the Congo went Foreman into the five man circus in Toronto, an affair which did him no good and failed to draw him out of obscurity.

What has happened to George Foreman, former heavyweight champion?

Gathering facts about Foreman and his unfathomable status we encounter information along with rumors and reports, to wit—

1. It had been reported that Foreman could not fight in the United States because of various court actions. Scotch this rumor since he is inked in to meet the Argentine heavyweight Pedro Lovell in Las Vegas later this year.

2. He cannot extricate himself from troubles associated with his divorce.

3. He had lost his confidence.

4. He cannot make himself believe that he actually had knocked out Joe Frazier.

5. He cannot accept training.

6. He is lacking in a strategic mind and in truly skilled fighting abilities.

7. On top of all this there remains the fact that George Foreman did hold the world heavyweight title and deserves a return effort for the championship.

This Don King plans to give him. But it may be some time before it comes about.

A lot depends on how the "Thriller in Manila," between Muhammad and Joe turns

(Above) George's most spectacular fight, in which Joe Frazier, left, was decked six times before being KO'd in the second round, took place on January 22, 1973, in Kingston, Jamaica. The letdown came on November 30, 1974, when Ali (right) connected with a left-right combination for this knockdown and the heavyweight crown.

out.

If, as the experts and the betting public insist, Ali wins, King is not going to throw Ali right into another major engagement.

Don says he expects to follow Manila with two fights of the Wepner and Lyle type. Not that either of these men would be the softest touches for either Muhammad or Frazier.

Muhammad Ali has a valuable associate in Angelo Dundee, who trains Ali, and in time of need furnishes assist in strategy, as he did in the Congo against Foreman. Dundee had a lot to do with the Rope Trick.

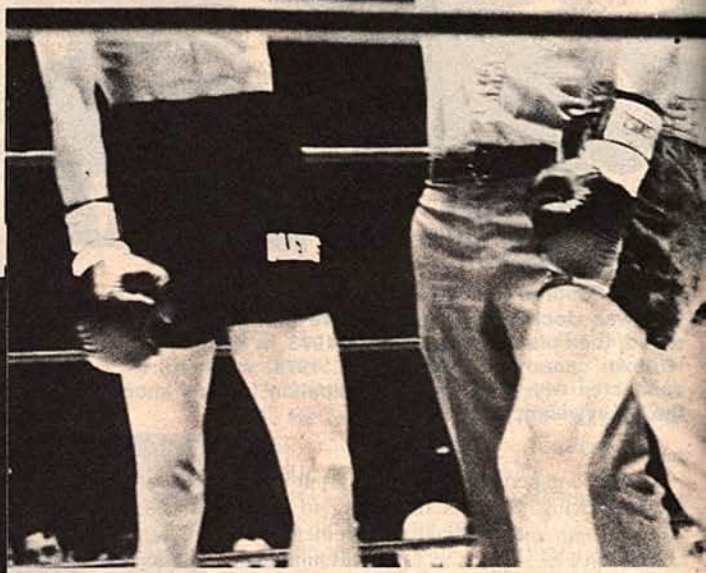
Foreman has no trainer. He now has an assistant "thinker." His name is Jackson. He is not a trainer type. He runs errands for George and is a business intermediary, but he is not a strategist. Foreman's thinking department is outclassed by that of Ali.

Insofar as the fight public is concerned, Foreman is the "Forgotten Champion." Don King is faced with the tremendous task of rebuilding George as a public figure.

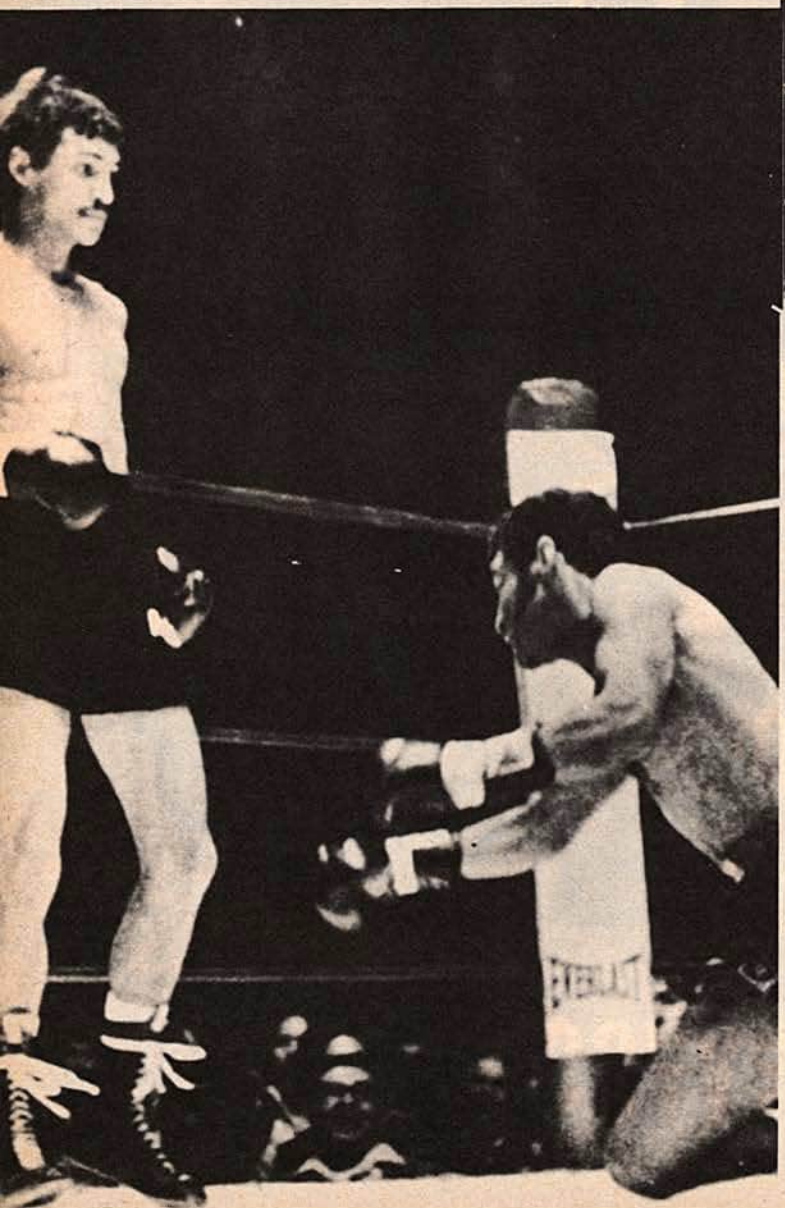
George may recover the title through brute force. The major heavyweight field is not on the rise.

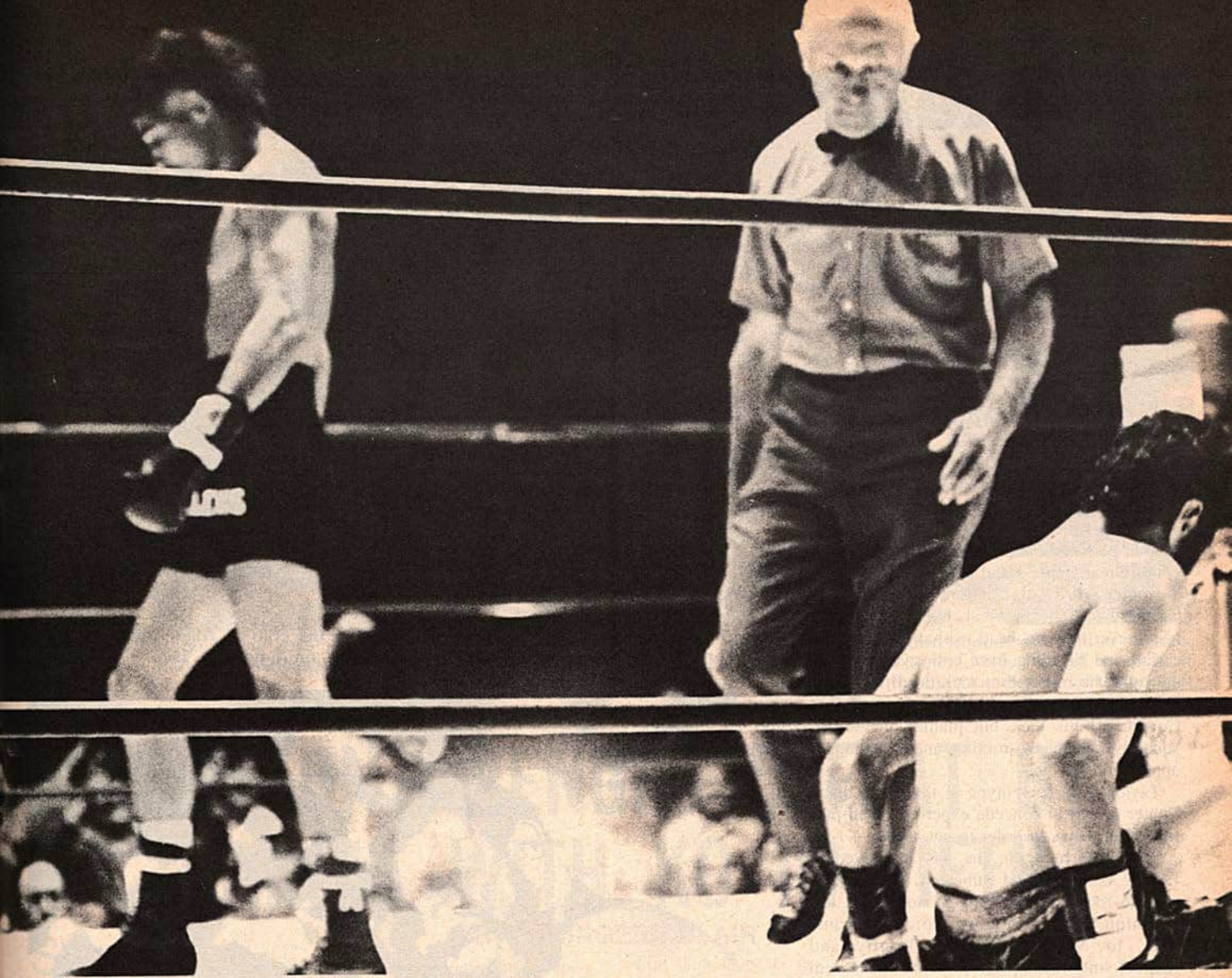
Former light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore, right, shares the birth of the Foreman's child with George during a break in training for the Frazier-Foreman match of 1973.

ARGUELLO DISPOSES OF MURO IN SECOND



(Right) The glove of WBA featherweight champion Alexis Arguello is raised in triumph over the badly outclassed Rosalio Muro. (Below) Muro sinks to the canvas after the combination of punches that caused the referee to stop the bout at 2:51 of the 2nd round.





Muro is down for the last time, and Arguello walks to a neutral corner to await the final count.

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. — Alexis Arguello, the WBA featherweight champion, had an easy night's work at the expense of Rosalio Muro, from Mexico. Muro was knocked selseless at 2:51 of the second round. He had stopped fighting back half way through the first round.

Arguello, tall and lanky, won his championship earlier in the year with an upset victory over Ruben Oliveres in the 13th round.

In knocking out Muro, the champion from Nicaragua stretched his record to 41 victories with 38 knockouts against only two loses. One of those loses was to Ernesto Marcel, then featherweight champ, via a decision early in his career.

International Boxing Promotions staged the non-title fight with three supporting ten rounders at the Cow Palace. A disappointing crowd of 2,675 showed up to watch Arguello as well as the two fighters imported from El Salvador and four from Mexico. Arguello received $15,000 for his trouble and Muro a generous $5,000.

The fight started slowly, with both fighters throwing jabs into the air. Arguello soon moved into range with combinations that stung Muro both in the body and head. After a short fury of blows Muro caught a left hook to the chin and dropped down. He rose at the count of four with blood oozing from his nose. The round ended with Muro slipping to the canvas. He should have stayed there.

In the second round, Arguello drove Muro around the ring with accurate body punches that had his man bent double. But Muro could never get far enough away from Arguello's gloves.

The champ landed a combination of punches that sent Muro to the canvas again. Seconds later the referee displayed compassion and halted the mismatch.

Arguello weighed 128, Muro 127. After a shower, Arguello appeared at ringside and said through an interpreter that he may face Ruben Oliveres, but only in a ten-round non-title contest. This would be in keeping with the absurd policies of both the WBA and the WBC. Oliveres holds the WBC featherweight championship.

In the first supporting ten rounder, Cesar Kee, an 18-year-old Chinese-Mexican flyweight, provided the best action of the evening in scoring a decision over Antonio Sanchez, from Mexico. Both fighters were evenly matched with Kee getting the better of it. Young Casanova, 119, picked up a unanimous win over Mario Mendes, 118. Mendes, from El Salvadore, seemed to run out of drive after four rounds and fought a defensive fight thereafter.

In the final ten rounder, Ruben Vasquez, from Mexico, had an easy win over Herman Grinaldi, from El Salvador. Grinaldi, 144, was remarkedly clumsy and was unable to win even one round against Vasquez, 145.

International Boxing Promotions plans on returning with other Latin fighters, hopefully to draw more of the numerous Latin residents in the Bay area. Arguello will be off to Japan soon to defend his title against Royal Kobayashi.

Conteh Batters Taylor in 10

By DON MAJESKI

SCRANTON — The John Conteh - Willie Taylor bout was the essence of great sport. Two highly dedicated, finely conditioned athletes performing on a competitive basis; despite personal handicaps, to forge a classic coup. Great sport, grand boxing.

Conteh, 177, of London, England, outpointed his 175½ lb. rival, but Willie Taylor need never bow his head in shame.

Cut and bleeding over both eyes early in the fight, he returned to rock the Briton with left hooks in the final round that nearly put Conteh off his feet, but planted the crowd squarely on theirs—rooting and cheering in appreciation.

Taylor is the stereotype of the tough black fighter forced to concede experience and partisan followings in order to get work.

A printer by trade, he has journeyed to Europe and emerged unbeaten three times, only to return to obscurity at home. He left Scranton with something more. He came back to New York with dignity and respect—no mean feat in a business rent with indifference.

Taylor's performance was hardly pedestrian. He is a competitor in the finest sense of the word.

John Conteh is something more.

A marvelous craftsman is this 24 year old Englishman with class and talent.

The bout had all the elements of drama. Conteh moving out to establish control via a two handed fussilade. Taylor, cut and bloodied, fighting back courageously.

In the fifth Conteh broke his hand but it didn't slow him down. The class showed through the pain.

Taylor plodded on to catch Conteh with some stunning hooks in the tenth, as the fight reached its crescendo in the last moments.

The underdog nearly put the champ off his feet as the men battered back and forth to a thunderous ovation at the end.

Conteh's victory was undisputed. Taylor's courage uncontested.

What was evidenced was that this Englishman, at 24, is a natural master of his profession. Like Ali, Monzon, and Duran he owes his skills merely to the sweat filled gym. No dedicated tutor can claim credit for those credentials.

England's John Conteh lands a solid right to the chin of Willie Taylor, of New York, during their non-title fight in Scranton, Pa., on August 16, 1975.

Taylor ducks a right by Conteh, the WBC's light heavyweight champion.

At the end the Catholic Youth Center might just have been the Colosseum or Madison Square Garden. It hosted a performer worthy of both.

What Conteh - Taylor achieved on one level, the preceeding Elson - Hilton fight degenerated proportionally on another. It was the direct antithesis.

Ray Elson hit Dave Hilton at will, and finally disposed of his fat and poorly conditioned body in the ninth.

The shouts of Hilton's young sons yelling, "C'mon Daddy" made the most lasting impression in this pathetic affair.

Larry Holmes proved himself one of the best heavy prospects in disposing of game Obbie English after dropping him with a picture right in the first.

Jimmy Young halted Bobby Lloyd in seven, in what was his first go since Lyle.

Larry Holmes proved he is one of boxing's finer heavyweight prospects. Dropping English with a right in the first, he went on to batter his game foe into submission in the seventh.

Local fight figures Manny Gelb, Thomas Manley and Henry Ventre did everything possible to insure success. Unfortunately the fans didn't respond.

The house was 1,983. Gate $10,713.

Ken Norton, left, punishing Jose Garcia with neck punches during their bout at St. Paul, Minnesota Civic Center in which Norton won by a 5th round knockout.

The finish of the fight! Garcia down from a hard right to the midsection by Norton and referee Denny Nelson halted the fight at 1:50 of the 5th round. It was the third knockdown of the contest in which an outgunned Garcia proved that he had come to fight which he did to the very end.

NORTON AVENGES DEFEAT BY GARCIA WITH KO IN FIFTH

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The long sought after rematch between heavyweight (Ring's no. 3) contender Ken Norton, 218, San Diego, and his 1970 conqueror, Jose Luis Garcia, 213, Venezuela, took place at the magnificent 19,000 seat Civic Center before 3,851 fans paying a gate of $32,390 under the direction of Calvin Cox. When it was all over Norton had avenged the loss by stopping Garcia midway in the fifth round after Garcia had been floored by the third time in the match.

Norton did not use his usual stand off boxing skills as he chose to fight in close in order to nullify the long range punching power of Garcia.

From the outset Norton would put his arms crossways in front of his face and go into a semi crouch and force Garcia back into the ropes. In using this tactic Norton did absorb some solid right hands which on a couple of occasions appeared to stun Ken.

The first two rounds saw Norton set the pattern of fighting inside, but Garcia was equal to the task as he fought on even terms with Norton.

Ken would blast away at the body digging solid shots in, but Garcia had come to fight and he nailed Norton with some good combinations. In both the first and second rounds Garcia landed rights that stunned and slowed his attack.

In the third round Garcia made his first trip to the canvas from a barrage of body punches. Jose was back up and full of fight and the two fought toe to toe. In the fourth round Garcia was down again from a series of head punches.

But Garcia was back up to carry on the fight. He nailed Norton flush on the jaw with a long right in the fourth round that obviously hurt Ken, it was Garcia's best punch of the fight.

In the fifth round Norton came out after Garcia and punished him with shots to the head and body. Garcia was tired from the incessant Norton attack over the first four rounds and the end looked near. Midway through the fifth round Norton ended the fight with a terrific left hook to the midsection. Garcia went down in a heap and attempted to regain his feet but referee Denny Nelson wisely stopped the fight at 1:50 of the round.

The win brought Nortons record to 34-3-0 and should enhance his chances of getting a title shot sometime next year.

As for Garcia, he came to St. Paul in great condition for the fight and gave it his best shot, probably his last try for the top. Jose is now 28-8-1, with one no decision.

Big names in boxing dotted the ringside as the match drew national attention. Don King, Dundee, Futch, Ashlock, were in attendance. Norton and Garcia were both well received by the fans.

After the fight Norton commented "My main objective out there tonight was to punish him, make him pay for what he did to me five years ago. I intended to keep him on the ropes and punish him." That's exactly what Norton did.

The semi final ten rounder brought a controversial ending as the commission changed the original decision. The bout pitted Scott LeDoux, 222, Minneapolis, against veteran George "Scrapiron" Johnson of Los Angeles.

It was a hard fought, bruising ten round battle that saw both fighters exchange heavy leather throughout the contest. Johnson was persistant as he forced LeDoux to back up and Scott would always end up in a corner. Scott tired badly in the late rounds, but there were no knockdowns.

At the end LeDoux was awarded a split decision and the crowd erupted into a booing, shouting, disapproving mass. This kept up as the commission reviewed the scoring. *(Continued on page 43)*

MAYORAL OVER MAYAN IN 10

By G. du BOIS

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. When No. 3 lightweight Angel Mayoral entered the ring in his match with Miguel "Mike" Mayan one would have thought his period of recuperation from breaking his hand in his bout with Tony Martinez on April 9th was nothing more than a long vacation since he looked in fine shape.

However, this feud match with Mayan was to prove tough going for Angel, causing some to wonder if in fact he had been on a "vacation" instead of mending his hand and training in Chicago under the tutulege of Bob Salerno.

Throughout the first four rounds Angel exhibited his skill in coming straight at his opponent, feinting and following through with calculated and measured blows and winning all four rounds.

Towards the end of round 5 however, he appeared to be stymied by Mayan's jabs to the face and after being butted, came out of the ropes twice before the round ended.

Rounds 6 and 7 appeared to be repeats of round 5, causing the crowd to go wild believing an upset was in the making.

It was later learned that Mayoral's nose had been broken mid-round 5, leaving him unable to adequately breathe in the following rounds. With Mayoral's style of fighting, the broken nose and subsequent lack of air was perfect for Mayan, who throws short punches and jabs and keeps himself close and tight at all times.

Highly rated Angel Mayoral, right, lands stiff right to head of Miguel Mayan in 10 round bout at Las Vegas, which was won by Angel via 10 round decision.

With the concern and experience that is true of all boxing managers, Mike Sarge, Hacienda Casino Executive, spotted the trouble at the end of round 5 and applied ice packs and special medication to Mayoral's face and nose causing the swelling to subside momentarily.

By round 9, Angel was showing his form once more and took the round unanimously. By this time, the once shocked crowd was on its feet again, urging the tenacious Angel Mayoral on to an

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Griffith All-Pro In Defeat Of Saenz

By EDWARD SCULLIN

LARGO, MD. — Ageless Emile Griffith, 157¼, turned professor for one night at the Capital Centre recently in soundly defeating home town favorite Leo Kid Saenz over ten brisk rounds before an appreciative crowd of 6,529. The 37-year-old native of the Virgin Islands upped his lifetme record to 84-19-1, while reluctant pupil Saenz, 156¼, saw his record drop to 22-2-1.

Emile Griffith, left, uses ring know-how to slip right thrown by another veteran, Kid Saenz, during their Largo, Maryland bout which Emile won by a 10 round decision.

It appears as though Saenz, 20, needs more seasoning before he is ready for the big time. Griffith picked up a cool $10,000 and the expectations of more lucrative paydays in the future.

Round one got underway in cautious fashion with Griffith and Saenz feeling each other out at center ring. Griffith landed several lefts and Saenz countered with rights to the head. A big flurry by Saenz just before the bell carried the round for Saenz but it was to be quite some time before Saenz earned such a clear cut advantage.

The Griffith class began to tell in round two as Emile assumed control behind a stinging jab, and seldom let Saenz get the upper hand thereafter. Saenz, a wade-in, stand up type fighter who can take it and dish it out with the best of them, never solved the problem of the left that was in his face most of the time. Saenz managed to tag the balding, five-time former world champ on occasion, but Emile wisely clinched or moved out of trouble.

At the end of round two there was a swelling around Saenz's left eye and a growing realization that a long night was at hand. Emile began to step up the pace by working to Leo's body in rounds three, four and five with good results. Leo found his charges smothered and could never come off his toes to punch

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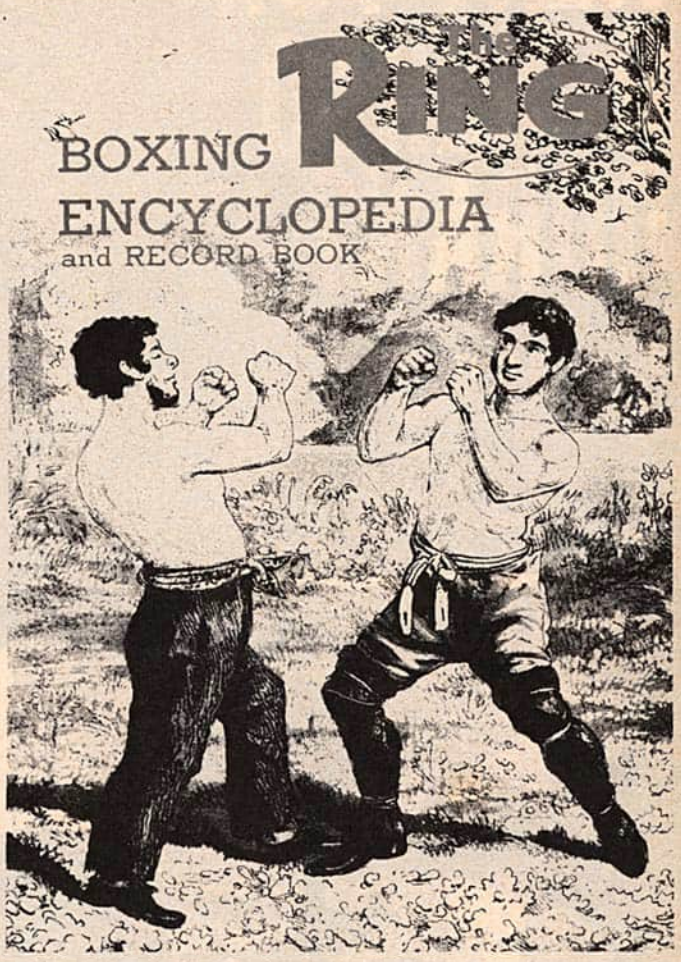

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WHAT'S NEXT FOR ROBERTO DURAN?

By JOHN ORT

WBA lightweight champion Roberto Duran whistles a right over the head of a sparring partner during training. Experts are still trying to guess who will be his next opponent.

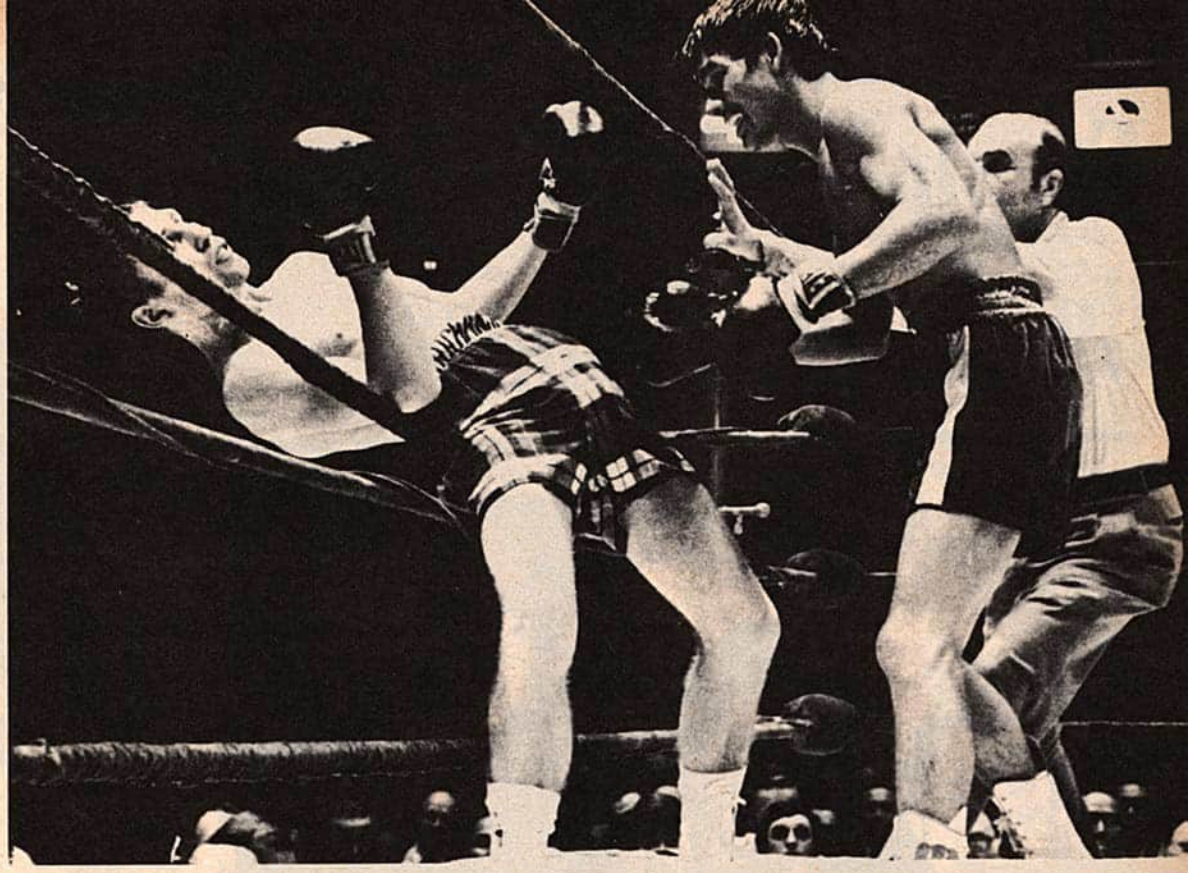
Duran landed this hard left to the body of Ray Lampkin in the last few minutes of their title bout of March 2, 1975. Although Duran KO'd Lampkin in the 14th round, Ray gave the champ the hardest battle he's had to date.

LIGHTWEIGHT king Roberto Duran moves on against second line contenders, opponents such as Andres Salgado, Jose Vasquez and Alberto Vanegas, in an effort to keep busy. The Panamanian, under the direction of his manager, Carlos Eleta, is looking for a big match for the Fall season in his native land.

One match that is being talked about is Duran-Cervantes, for the latter's junior welterweight crown. Cervantes won his title on October 28, 1972, three months after Duran's victory over Ken Buchanan for the lightweight title.

Antonio kayoed Panama's Alfonso Frazer in ten rounds in Panama City. He defended the title nine times, defeating Josue Marquez, Nicolino Loche, Lion Furuyama, Carlos Giminez, Kil Lee, Shinichi Kadoto, Esteban DeJesus, and Frazer in a return match.

His next fight is Hector Thompson of Australia. This bout is tak-



Scotland's Ken Buchanan goes through the ropes from the impetus of Duran's punch in round 13 of their June 26, 1972, encounter. Shortly afterward, the fight was stopped and Duran was awarded the lightweight crown.

ing place in Panama City. If Antonio gets by Thompson, who was kayoed by Duran on June 2, 1973, there may be a meeting of the two of them later in the year.

Another name that pops up once in a while is that of welterweight champion Jose Napoles. The big problem here is that Duran is a WBA lightweight champion, and Panama is where the WBA is headquartered, while Napoles is the WBC welter champion, and WBC commissioner Ramon Velazquez has publicly stated that his body would not sanction such a bout.

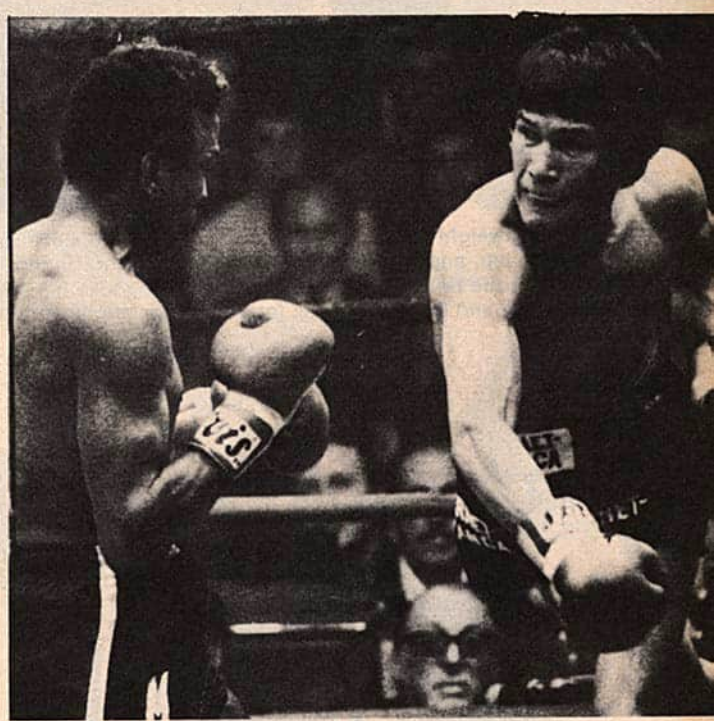
Carlos Eleta, Duran's manager, wants to move his man up to the bigger money matches that a welterweight champion can demand. He was recently in San Juan, P.R., which happens to be from which WBA welterweight king Angel Espada hails. There were no statements from Eleta or Espada's people on such a bout, but don't be surprised if something breaks on this front early next year.

Back in the lightweight ranks, the only money to be made is a rematch with U.S. champion Ray Lampkin, of Portland, Ore. They fought a spectacular bout last March, with Duran scoring a 14-round kayo in the 100-degree heat of Panama City. This was the farthest anyone has gone with the champ, and by far his toughest bout to date. A return bout in Panama, where Lampkin made a big hit, would draw a gate of perhaps a quarter million dollars, plus U.S. and South American T.V. monies.

The only other lightweights who could figure to bring Duran any sort of money are Ken Buchanan and Angel Mayoral. Ken announced his retirement from the ring just recently. He had signed a contract to box the champ in Madison Square Garden some time ago, but problems between Eleta and the Garden front office have left this bout in the air.

Promotor Don King also tried to secure this match, but also let it drop. Mayoral holds a win over Lampkin and could be a good TV foe for the U.S. market.

Some insiders say that Roberto will not put his title on the line in any place other than his native Panama. They say that he needs the hot, humid climate to get down to the 135-pound limit. He has never defended his title other than in Central America. Duran has defeated Jimmy Robertson, Hector Thompson, Esteban DeJesus, Masataka Takayama, Ray Lampkin, and WBC lightweight king Ishimatsu Suzuki.



One possible opponent for Roberto is WBC welterweight king Jose Napoles, here seen on the receiving end of a right by Carlos Monzon. Since Duran is a WBA champion, it is unlikely that the WBC will encourage such a match.

Another road open to the champ is to travel around the world, boxing over-the-weight bouts with local talent. He did this in San Juan, P.R.; Los Angeles, Calif.; and Paris, France. He can pick up fair paydays boxing Antonio Gomez in Venezuela, Tony Petronelli in Boston, Nani Marrera in Miami Beach, Fla. or Cemal Kamaci in Monte Carlo.

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Escalera Made Good On Title Promise

(Above) Jr. lightweight champion of the world, Alfredo Escalera, poses with manager Filiberto Lebon, left, and sportswriter Emilio Huyke, right. (Right) Far from the playboy he appears to be in the ring, the rather serious Alfredo cooks himself a meal. (Below) Promoter Pedro Aponte and Escalera pause for the RING cameraman during a discussion of Escalera's future.

By MARIO RIVERA

SAN JUAN, P.R. — When Alfredo Escalera, the clown prince of boxing in Puerto Rico, stated that he would return to the island with the junior lightweight title of the world, nobody paid him much mind. After all, he was going to travel into the backyard of W.B.C. titleholder Kuniaki Shibata, who was an odd-on favorite.

It was felt that clowning tactics and pre-fight dancing and jigging to the tune of beating bongos would not offer much stimulus before a partial Japanese crowd.

But Alfredo surprised even his most die-hard cohorts by scoring a resounding kayo over Shibata.

Upon his return from the Orient he was corralled by The Ring reporter and questioned as to the secret of his success.

"No nonsense training and dedication to the task on hand," stated a rather serious Alfredo!

"You know people are mistaken with me. They think that because I am a showman in the ring that I lead the life of a playboy in private. Wrong!" he closed.

The truth is that Alfredo is well disciplined outside of the

(Right) Among other top-notch fighters who have suffered defeat at the hands of Escalera is Mike Mayan, seen just moments before being counted out. (Below) Perhaps this looks like an unlikely duo, but Alfredo loves animals of all kinds.

squared circle. His main interests are his wife, Lillian Baez, his only child 1-year-old "Hommy" and his loud sounding conga drums.

"Don't forget to mention also that I enjoy picking the banana trees that I personally planted, because I am a country boy at heart," concluded Alfredo.

Twenty-four-year-old Alfredo began his boxing career in New York. He migrated there when he was fourteen to be with his parents. The boxing bug bit him in a big way when he won two Golden Gloves titles in his early teens.

At seventeen he turned pro, and after a string of seven victories lost his first start to the more experienced Edwin Viruet in a bout that many thought he won.

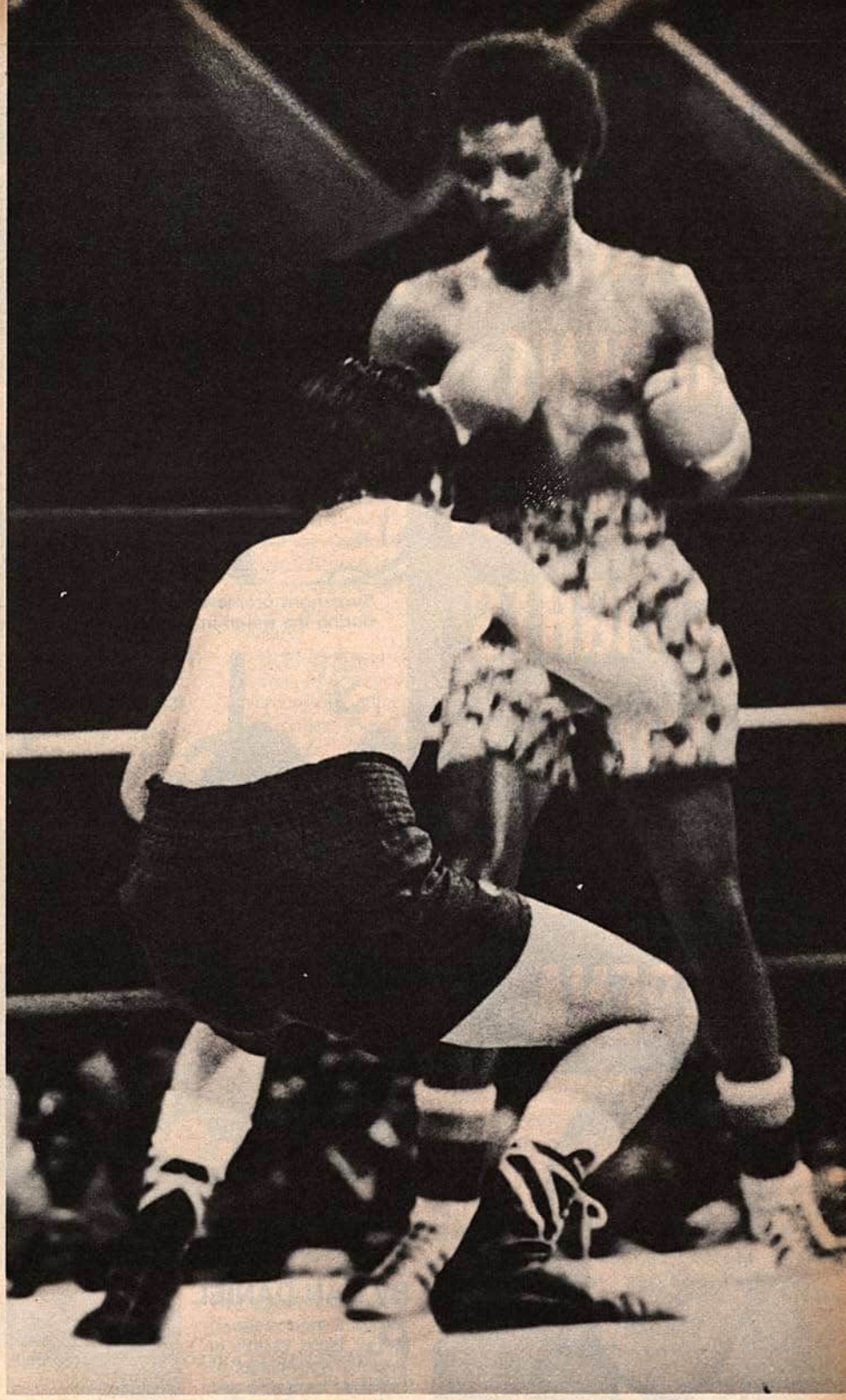
It was at this stage of his boxing career that Alfredo decided to return to Puerto Rico.

"Big city living was not for me, and besides, my return to the island proved a stroke of luck because I met Fileberto Lebron," said Alfredo.

Fileberto is a clothing manufacturer from the town of Caguas who was financing small club fight promotions in the Carolina Country Club Arena.

Mild mannered Lebron promoted boxing as a hobby. And a very expensive one, at that.

"I saw a raw talent in this boy, and got trainer Victor Valle from New York to polish him up," stated Lebron.



Escalera then hit a hot streak of 12 kayoes in 14 bouts. The only opponent to go the distance was leading contender Antonio Amaya, who was lucky to go the distance, and former world's titleholder Ricardo Arredondo, who was disqualified for not trying.

The kayo string included the first one suffered by Frankie Otero, as well as one over highly regarded Californian lightweight Mike Mayan. Mayan had just fought a ten rounder over the then number one lightweight contender Esteban de Jesus. Mexican featherweight contender Jose Luis Lopez was also a kayo victim.

Following this string of victories Escalera appeared set for his big chance but was temporarily stalled.

He had a brief joust down Mexico way which proved far from successful.

He started off well when he kayoed Eleuterio Hernandez in 8 rounds at Puebla, but then lost his next two starts.

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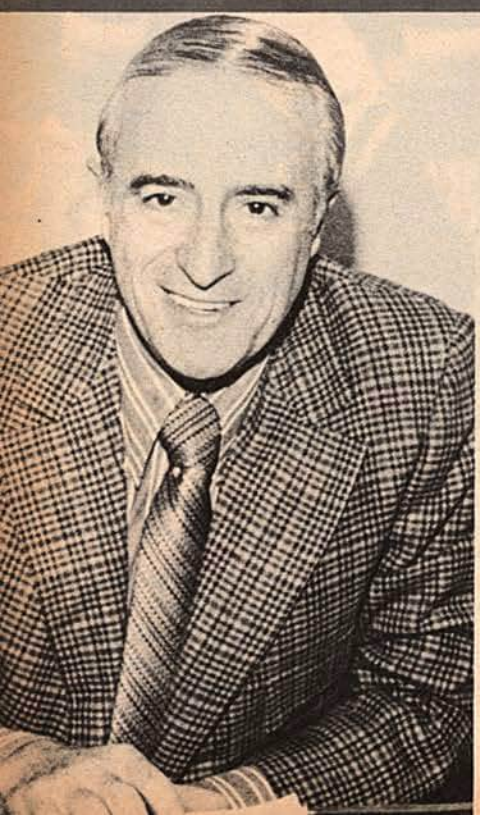
BRENNER INVITES KING TO RENT GARDEN, BUT HIS FIGHTS MUST MERIT ARENA

Superfight promoter Don King, left, watches as Ali, right, and an official read the scales during the weigh-in for the Foreman-Ali bout in Kinshasa, on October 30, 1975.

Promoter Mike Jacobs, center, celebrates the signing of Johnny Paychek, left, and champ Joe Louis, right, to fight on March 29, 1940, at Madison Square Garden.



Madison Square Garden's boxing department head, Teddy Brenner, hopes to put on a Buchanan-Duran and an Ali-Frazier bout at the Garden.

By DAN DANIEL

PROSPECTS of a revival of major boxing in New York must be regarded as being some distance off.

Boxing in New York means that the world heavyweight title is involved, and with Muhammad Ali the champion in tow of Don King, a fight of that size cannot be entered into by a Garden management which is not financially competent to become involved in the orgy of millions which got under way with the five million guarantees at Zaire.

Zaire, Kuala Lumpur and now Manila have been enticed by Ali and King, leaving the Garden to boast of plans to reopen the Felt Forum, and to predict that it yet would put on a Duran-Buchanan fight for the lightweight title in the Garden main arena.

This match, which has been hanging fire for four years, appears to have been cancelled by Ken's retirement with eye trouble. It appears that it never will take place if it does not in

Tex Rickard and Jack Dempsey, left and right of center, were a highly successful duo. Rickard promoted most of Dempsey's important bouts, including the one with George Carpentier, on July 2, 1921, which marked the first million-dollar gate.

the Garden.

The dubious position of the Garden is stressed by the fact that the third meeting of Ali and Joe Frazier has landed in the Philippines. That fight belongs in New York, but it has gone to a nation which reputedly cannot afford the cost of millions, and it could stir up the seething rebellion of the dissident Hucks up in the hills.

The Garden is in no position to afford even the Foreman-Pedro Lovell fight, what with George getting $250,000, Lovell $125,000 and the undercard $50,000.

This fight may create some excitement in Las Vegas, but it would not suit the desires of the New York clientele.

An interview with Teddy Brenner, who runs the boxing department in the Garden, found him falsely confident of the Duran-Buchanan fight and exuberant over the financial possibilities of the series of Friday night secondary fights he has handed over to Vegas, as well as the Felt Forum reopening.

Time was when all this would have rated as chicken feed in the Madison Square Garden boxing scheme. Now these minor things are cited as major factors in the planned revival of Garden boxing interest and income.

All the while Don King, in a palatial suite on the sixtieth floor in Rockefeller Plaza, looks beyond the millions Ali and Frazier will split in Manila and plans a second Ali-Foreman contest in whatever small nation appears to need the excitement and can dig up the money.

A Muhammad fight has become a panacea for the economic ailments of the people of hitherto ignored nations. The modern Neroes offer punches in place of bread, and Ali is getting richer and richer. The Garden cannot become involved in the King Bacchanalia.

Teddy Brenner never could get himself to go wild with guarantees to fighters. He always has been a conservative payer.

Brenner is not without some guilt in the Garden situation. But he is not as culpable as many of his critics have painted him.

The spirit around the Garden is low. The old drive is not there. The tendency toward criticism and dissatisfaction is rampant.

The spirit of the boxing department was not helped by the disclosure that the Garden had been offered for sale for 60 million to any responsible buyer except the Arab Oil Bank.

The shadow of Muhammad Ali and Don King, the new type of promoter, who risks none of his own money, darkens the prospect.

Brenner just had had a telephone talk with Mel Greb, to whom he had turned over the collection of Friday night cards he had arranged not only for live exposure in the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, but also for Eddie Einhorn's TV network.

Report for some time had had Brenner hanging on to his $35,000 Garden job by a slender thread and in danger of complete eclipse by Don King.

But Brenner did not look like a man who was ready for the unemployment dole.

"Contrary to widely circulated report, boxing in the Garden has not been suspended," Brenner said.

"We are planning action in the big arena, and we are about to reopen the Felt Forum.

"I have every reason to believe that Buchanan does not intend to retire and that before long you will find him in the Garden ring with Duran.

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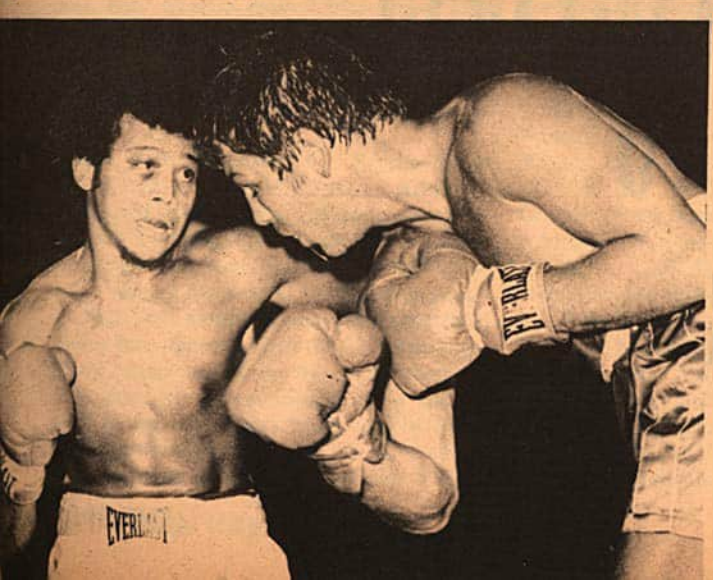


The Garden recently handed over a series of Friday night fights to Las Vegas. Among them were: (above) Mike Rossman, in black trunks, vs. Mike Nixon, in which Rossman scored a 7th round KO, and (below) Pedro Soto, left, vs. Mike Quarry, in which Soto decisioned Quarry over ten rounds.

BACK in August of 1973 The Ring Magazine started what is now breathing life back into American boxing—the United States ratings. It's now time to look back and see what this move has done for the boxers and the public alike.

We here at THE RING felt that the European, British, South American, and Orient ratings gave their fighters an edge on U.S. boxers.

Promotors liked having the British or European champion fighting their man, and TV liked putting such bouts on the air. These titles were sold to the public to make the men holding them look very impressive.

All of a sudden American boxers found themselves outside looking in at the major bouts all over the world. With no local titles, each boxer became "just another fighter," with little or nothing to make him saleable.

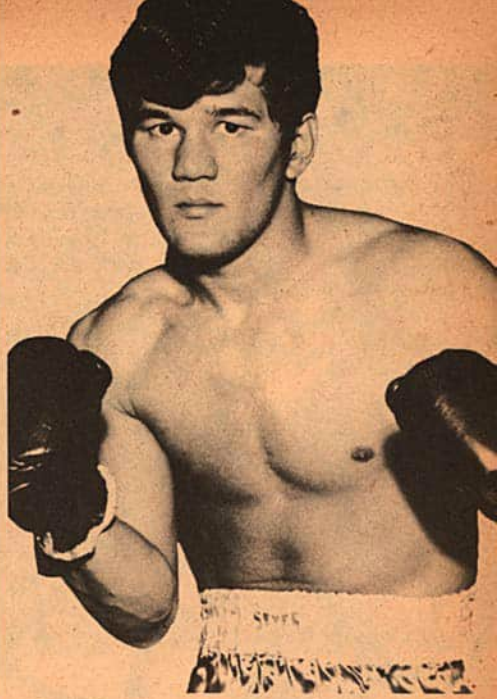
Over the last 27 months things have changed in the picture of world boxing. Americans are now getting title shots or

(Above) George Foreman has yet to defend his U.S. heavyweight crown, but he's working on a return bout with world champion Muhammad Ali. (Left) Ranked number 3 in world ratings, U.S. light heavyweight king, Len Hutchins, has defended his crown four times.

By JOHN ORT

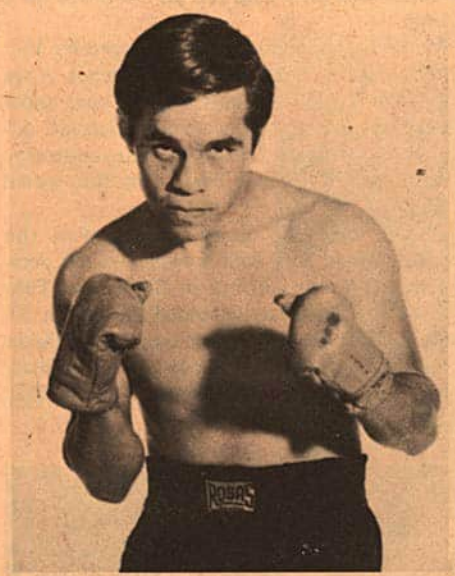
U.S. CHAMPIONS-BOOM TO BOXING

Tony Licata lands a left to the jaw of Emile Griffith in round 2 of their February 5, 1974, bout, which put Licata into the U.S. middleweight champion slot.



Number 4 in the world ratings is top U.S. middleweight Tony Licata.

Hailing from Sparantanburg, S.C., Mike Baker has held the jr. middleweight title since Billy Backus moved back down into the welterweight division.



The U.S. welterweight title has enabled Armando Muniz to get two chances at the world title, held by Jose Napoles.

Tony Petronelli has defended his jr. welterweight crown five times since he won it from Hector Matta on July 16, 1974.

money bouts due to being ranked in the U.S. ratings, or by being a United States champion.

Such were the cases of U.S. champions Len Hutchins, Ray Lampkin, Armando Muniz and Tony Licata. All got a chance to box for a world title. In most cases they probably never would have gotten a crack at it if it weren't for their U.S. championships.

Other new names became hot attractions due to their appearance in the U.S. rankings. Many boxers stayed in the game when the U.S. titles gave them something to aim at. With all the world titles being held by fighters from other lands, lads in this country felt there was no reason to continue boxing without at least some goal to go after.

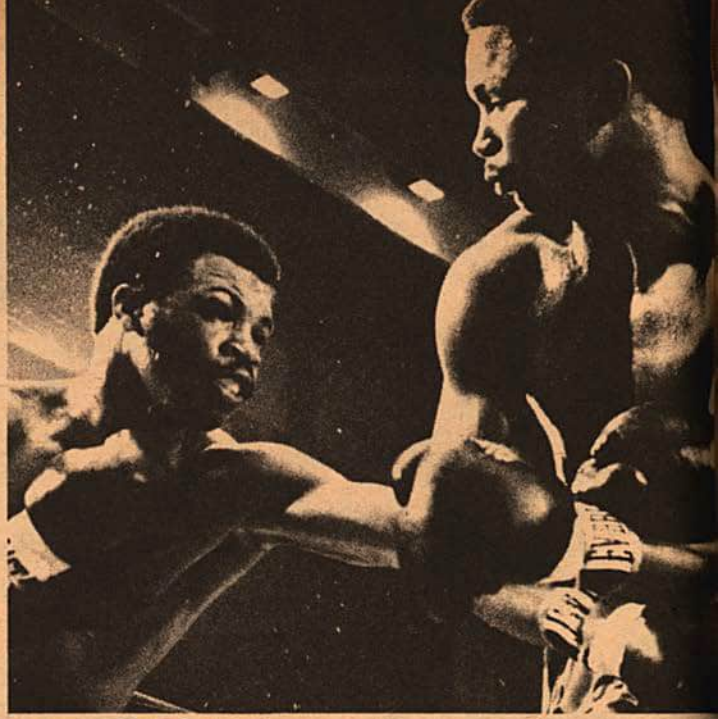
Boxers like heavyweights Duane Bobick, Howard Smith, Chuck Wepner and Jimmy Young; light heavies Ray Elson, Chris Elliott, Willie Taylor; middleweights Eddie Gregory, Leo Saenz, Rico Hoye and Vito Antuofermo; junior middleweights James Marshall, Tony Gardner and Ray Seales; welterweights Nick Ortiz, Lou Bizzarro, Carlos Palomino; junior welters and lights, Monroe Brooks, Adolph Viruet, Angel Mayoral, Tim Walker, Frankie Benitez and Randy Shields; junior lightweights and featherweights, Alfredo Escalera, Samuel Serrano, Gary Ferrari, Manuel Lujan and Walter Seeley; bantams and flys, Andres Hernandes, Sean O'Grady, Bobby Lee Hunter, Alberto Davila and Raul Rosette.

All the above-mentioned are now making more money and are important men in the renaissance of boxing which is now taking place in the U.S.

Let's now take a look at the current United States champions.

Leading off the list is George Foreman. He gained the title after his loss to Muhammad Ali for the world title. The first king was Joe Frazier, who lost the crown to Ali on Jan. 28, 1974.

When Muhammad regained the world title from Foreman, he left George with the U.S. title. Foreman had beaten the only other man



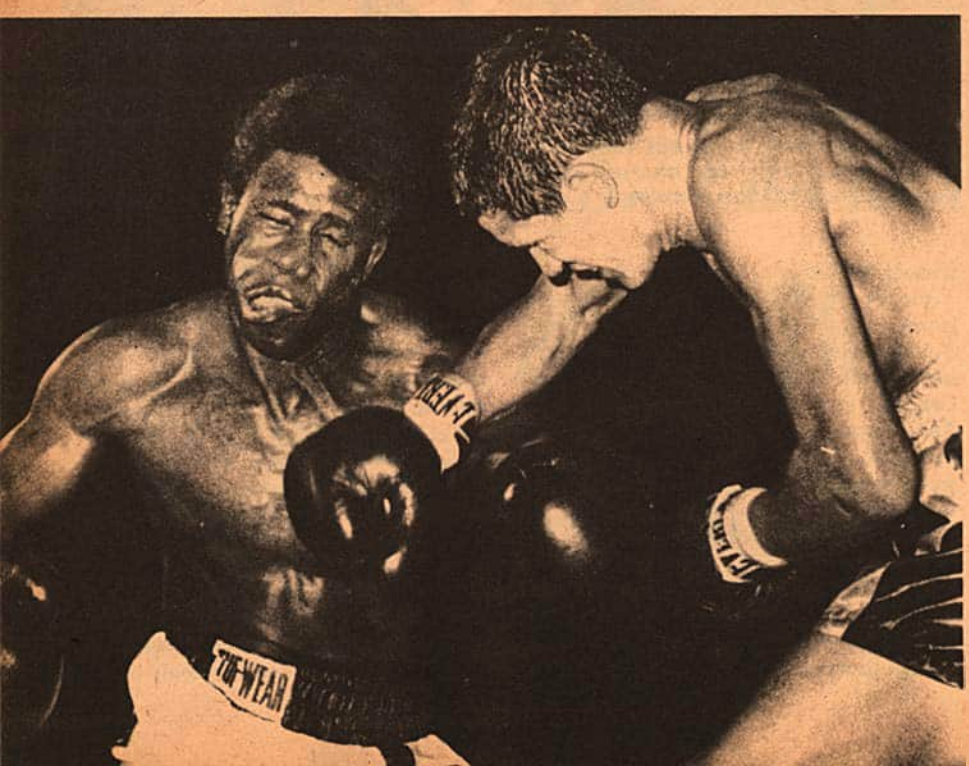
(Above left) Reigning lightweight champ, Ray Lampkin, most recently defended his U.S. title against Mike Mayan, here connecting with a right to Ray's head, on March 11, 1975. (Above right) Former U.S. lightweight king Esteban DeJesus blocks a left to his midsection by Lampkin. DeJesus twice defeated Lampkin before giving up his title to move up a division.

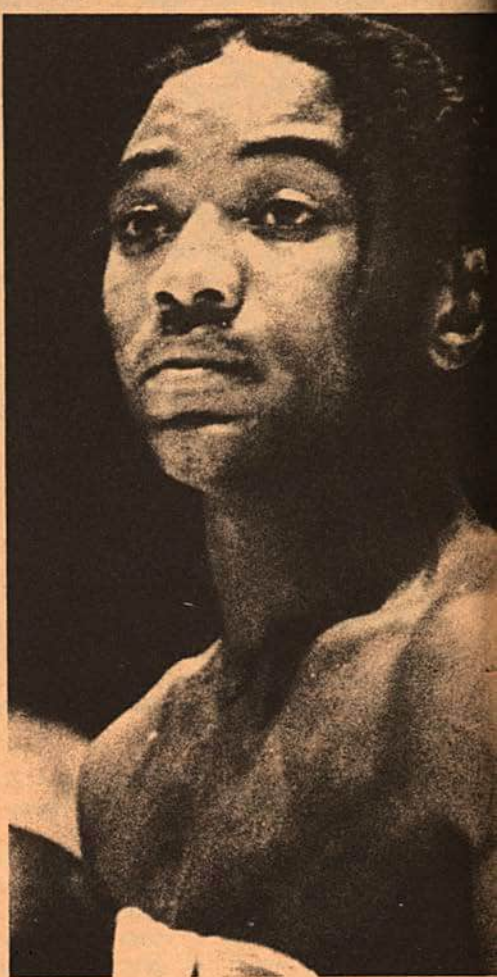
who could have laid claim to the title, Frazier.

Foreman has not defended the crown as of now, but the heavyweight picture makes it tough for a boxer to fight. However, holding the title still gives George something to cling to.

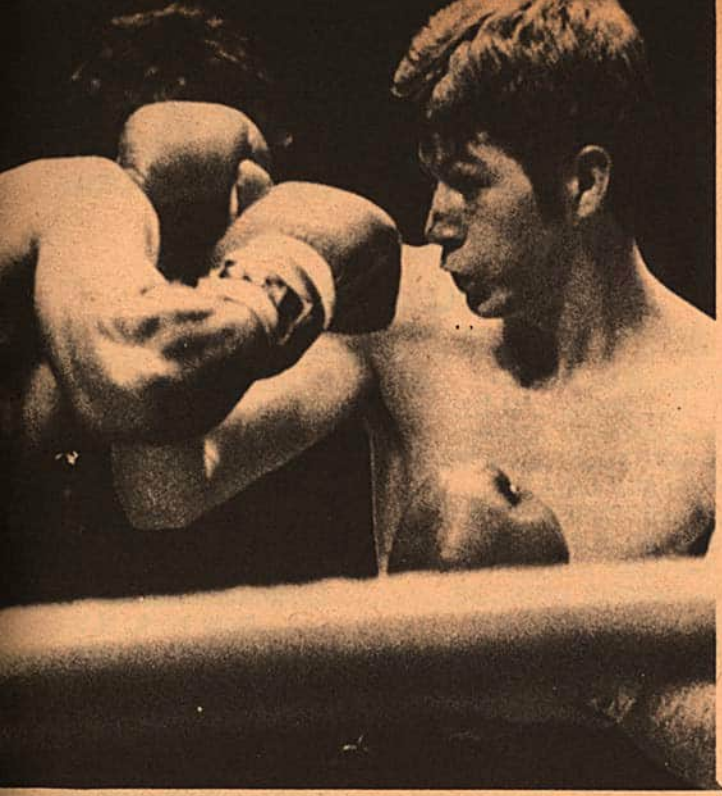
Light heavyweight champion Len Hutchins has held the crown from the beginning. He has retained it in a two-round knockout against Harold Richardson, a four-round kayo against Bobby Lloyd, a ten-round nod over Bobby Rascon, and recently a four-round knockout over John Griffin. Len also had a shot at the world light heavyweight title (WBA version). He was stopped by Victor Galindez in 13 rounds in Buenos Aires on Dec. 7, 1974. Films of this bout show that Len gave a good account of himself, despite newspaper reports to the contrary. Hutchins is ranked No. 3 in the world ratings.

New Orleans' Tony Licata won the middleweight title with a twelve-round decision over Emile Griffith in Boston, on Feb. 5, 1974. Licata has defended the crown six times. He beat Roy McMillian, Mike Baker (who is the junior middleweight champion), Top Cat Jackson, Gene Wells, Marcel Clay and Vinnie Curto.





Two men have held the U.S. jr. lightweight crown since its inception. The present champ is Philadelphia's Tyrone Everett, above, while the former was Sammy Goss, seen on the left, reacting to a hard right from Edwin Viruet.



Number 1 man in the featherweight division is Danny Lopez, who won that spot on July 26, 1975, with a KO win over Raul Cruz.

Danny Lopez' predecessor was Bobby Chacon, who was the first to stop the previously unbeaten "Little Red" Lopez, on May 24, 1974. This photo catches Danny receiving the full impact of Bobby's right.

Being the U.S. king got Tony a shot at Carlos Monzon's world title in Madison Square Garden, June 30, 1975. He lasted ten rounds against one of the all-time greats in a tough contest. Licata is No. 4 in the world ratings.

Irish Mike Baker became junior middleweight king when original champion, ex-world welterweight king Billy Backus, decided that he wanted to return to the welterweight ranks. Baker then moved up into the champion seat. He has gone to the post three times to defend his title. Baker kayoed Dave Wyatt in six, Willie Crockett in three, and Paul Osborne in eight. Mike is the third ranking junior middleweight in the world.

Welterweight king Armando Muniz won the crown via a ten-round decision over Hedgemon Lewis on Dec. 3, 1974, in Los Angeles. He hasn't defended it, but has used it as a stepping stone for two shots at Jose Napoles' world title.

Armando was given what most fight people believe was a raw deal with a technical loss in twelve rounds in their bout held in Acapulco, March 30, 1975. He was soundly beaten the second time by Napoles over 15 rounds. Armando is still ranked No. 6 in the world ratings.

The first junior welterweight king was Victor Ortiz, Puerto Rico. He lost his crown to countryman Hector Matta on Dec. 17, 1973, in San Juan. Matta then travelled to Boston, where he was upset by Tony Petronelli in 12 rounds. Tony retained his crown with four wins and one draw. He beat

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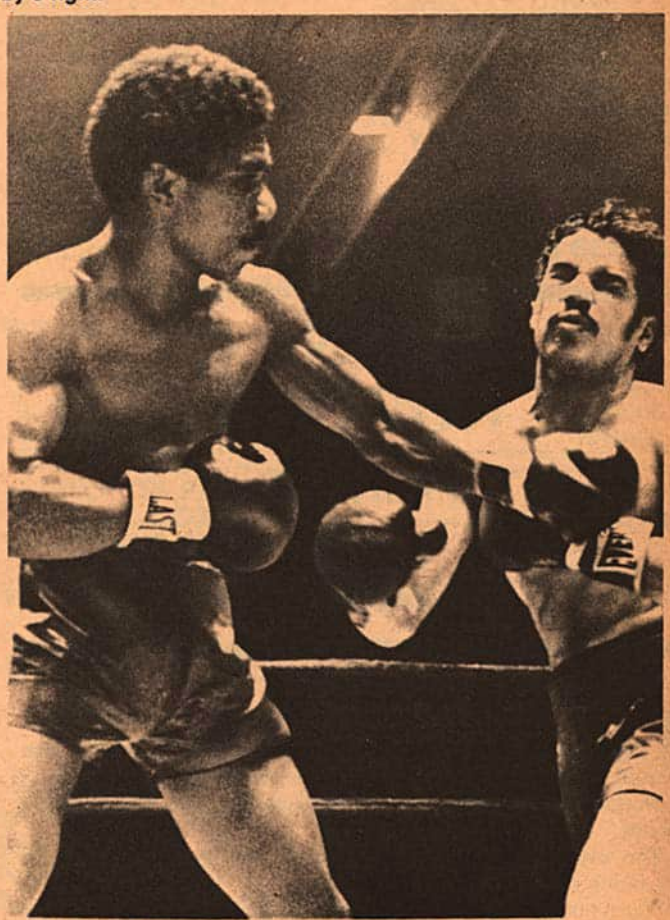

Bantam champion, Francisco Villegas, left, is seen connecting with a left to the jaw of New York's David Vasquez during their bout of March 13, 1975.

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6—BOBBY CASSIDY .....Brentwood, N.Y.
7—JESSIE BURNETT .....Los Angeles, Calif.
8—ALVARO LOPEZ .....Stockton, Calif.
9—PIERRE FOURIE .....South Africa
10—BOB FOSTER .....Washington, D.C.

KEN NORTON

FIGHTER

OF THE MONTH

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

(not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS MONZON* .....Argentina
1—RODRIGO VALDEZ** .....Colombia
2—GRATIEN TONNA .....France
3—VITO ANTUOFERMO .....Brooklyn, N.Y.
4—TONY LICATA .....New Orleans, La.
5—GEORGE COOPER .....Oakland, Calif.
6—WILLIE MONROE .....Philadelphia, Pa.
7—RUDY ROBLES .....Los Angeles, Calif.
8—BENNIE BRISCOE .....Philadelphia, Pa.
9—EMILE GRIFFITH .....New York, N.Y.
10—LEO SAENZ .....Baltimore, Md.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

(not over 154 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

JAE DO YUH* .....South Korea
1—MIGUEL de OLIVIERA** .....Brazil
2—ELISHA OBED .....Nassau, Bahamas
3—MIKE BAKER .....Spartanburg, S.C.
4—KOICHI WAJIMA .....Japan
5—MIGUEL CASTELLINI .....Argentina
6—ECKHART DAGGE .....Germany
7—MIGUEL CAMPANINO .....Argentina
8—JOSE DURAN .....Spain
9—JAMES MARSHALL .....San Francisco, Calif.
10—MAURICE HOPE .....England

WELTERWEIGHTS

(not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

JOSE NAPOLES** .....Mexico
1—ANGEL ESPADA* .....Puerto Rico
2—JOHN STRACEY .....England
3—CLYDE GRAY .....Canada
4—JOHNNY GANT .....Washington, D.C.
5—NICK ORTIZ .....Puerto Rico
6—ARMANDO MUNIZ .....Los Angeles, Calif.
7—BRUNO ARCARI .....Italy
8—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ .....Dominican Rep.
9—HEDGEMON LEWIS .....Detroit, Mich.
10—ROCKY MATTIOLI .....Australia

THE Fighter of the Month going by the ratings of Ring is Ken Norton, the heavy who had two 12 round battles with Ali.

Norton gained the monthly laurel by beating Jose Garcia in five rounds.

This avenged the defeat of Norton by Jose on July 2, 1970, in the eighth round at Los Angeles.

The runnerup for the Fighter of the Month is lightweight champion Roberto Duran. He stopped Pedro Mendoza at Managua, Nicaragua, in the first round. This was a non-title, non-anything fight, the kind that the Panamanian loves to engage in.

Rodrigo Valdez landed No. 3 honors with his victory over Rudy Robles, of Los Angeles, for the WBC middleweight title. This fight took place at Cartagena, Colombia.

John Conteh, the WBC light heavy champion, wandered into Scranton and stopped Willie Taylor and the Briton in the Fighter of the Month discussion.

The chief development of the ratings was the dropping of Oscar Bonavena from 8 to 10. Oscar has not fought in more than a year and would appear to be on his way out of the ratings.

Jessie Burnett, light heavy from Los Angeles, went into No. 7 with a ten round verdict over Alvarado Lopez.

Lou Bizzaro's upset victory over Hector Matta in ten put the victor into the junior welter ratings.

Hector Thompson, of Australia, scored a 5 round KO over Japanese Kadota to keep him in the lead of the junior welter class, behind Antonio Cervantes, the champion.

Angel Mayoral moved up to No. 2 in the lightweight class by beating Miguel Nayon in a 10.

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JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

(not over 140 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
1—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
2—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
3—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—LEONCIO ORTIZ ..... Mexico
5—ESTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
6—PEDRO FERNANDEZ ..... Spain
7—TONY PETRONELLI ..... Brockton, Mass.
8—LOU BIZZARRO ..... Erie, Pa.
9—CEMAL KAMACI ..... Austria
10—CARLOS GIMINEZ ..... Argentina

LIGHTWEIGHTS

(not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
1—RAY LAMPKIN ..... Portland, Ore.
2—ANGEL MAYORAL ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
3—ISHIMATSU SUZUKI** ..... Japan
4—HECTOR MEDINA ..... Puerto Rico
5—FRANKIE BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
6—BUZZSAW YAMABE ..... Philippines
7—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—ARTURO PINEDA ..... Mexico
9—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—NANI MARRERO ..... Dominican Rep.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

(not over 130 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

BEN VILLAFLOR* ..... Philippines
1—TYRONE EVERETT ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
2—SVEN-ERIK PAULSEN ..... Norway
3—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
4—HUGO BARRAZA ..... Colombia
5—SAMUEL SERRANO ..... Puerto Rico
6—BEN ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
7—ViLOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
8—RAY LUNNY III ..... San Carlos, Calif.
9—RONNIE McGARVEY ..... Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
10—KUNIAKI SHIBATA ..... Japan

FEATHERWEIGHTS

(not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO* ..... Nicaragua
1—RUBEN OLIVARES** ..... Mexico
2—ART HAFEY ..... Canada
3—ROYAL KOBAYASHI ..... Japan
4—SHIG FUKUYAMA ..... Japan
5—ELIO COTINA ..... Italy
6—ARNOLD TAYLOR ..... South Africa
7—JOSE CASAS ..... Argentina
8—OCTAVIO GOMEZ ..... Mexico
9—DANNY LOPEZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela

BANTAMWEIGHTS

(not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA* ..... Mexico
1—RODOLFO MARTINEZ** ..... Mexico
2—THANOMJIT SUKOTHAI ..... Thailand
3—CARLOS ZARATE ..... Mexico
4—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
5—SOO HWAN HONG ..... South Korea
6—ANDRES HERNANDEZ ..... Puerto Rico
7—DAVE NEEDHAM ..... England
8—DANIEL TROULAIRE ..... France
9—GILBERT ILLUECA ..... Panama
10—PAUL FERRERI ..... Australia

FLYWEIGHTS

(not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—SHOJI OGUMA ..... Japan
2—IGNACIO ESPINOZA ..... Dominican Rep.
3—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela
4—ALBERTO MORALES ..... Mexico
5—ERBITO SALVARRIA* ..... Philippines
6—VICENTE POOL ..... Mexico
7—JAIME RIOS ..... Panama
8—FRANCO SPERTI ..... Italy
9—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venezuela
10—ALFONSO LOPEZ ..... Panama

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Leroy Diggs	9/74	8	6	1	1	6
Swedesboro, N.J.						
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
John Wilburn	4/75	5	5	0	0	5
Baltimore, Md.						
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Angelio Jacopucci	7/37	15	15	0	0	1
Italy						
WELTERWEIGHT						
Harvey Arnold	2/75	6	6	0	0	4
Beaumont, Texas						
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Ignacio Jiminez	1/75	11	9	1	1	0
Sacramento, Calif.						
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Mario Ortiz	2/74	11	11	0	0	10
Argentina						
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Carl Hazlewood	1/74	4	3	1	0	0
England						
FLYWEIGHT						
Francisco Marquez	9/74	14	14	0	0	8
Mexico						

WAS IT REALLY ANGELO DUNDEE WHO SAVED CLAY'S FUTURE?

DID RIPPED GLOVE IN 1963 SAVE ALI'S FUTURE?

By RON OLVER

LONDON, ENGLAND — Many incidents in boxing will be remembered long after others have been forgotten. A typical example in the United States would be the Dempsey-Tunney "long-count" controversy. In Britain one that is still being talked about is the first Cooper-Clay fight in 1963, which included Clay being decked for only the second time in his career, and the story of the "split glove."

Imagine the excitement at Wembley Stadium on a June night in the open-air, over twelve years ago. In the fourth round Clay invited Cooper to try out his famed left hook to the chin. Henry did so, and down went Cass.

As the fans all stood up to get a better view, the bell rang. Clay staggered up, Angelo Dundee dashed across the ring to almost drag him back to the corner, and the boxer was completely surrounded by his seconds.

Angelo, quick thinker, then called referee Tommy Little's attention to Clay's glove, which was split, and what happened after that has never been quite clear.

All incidents have been magnified out of

Cassius Clay, right, and Henry Cooper appear to be trying to outshout one another in the course of their June 18, 1963, weigh-in. With his left hand, Clay was predicting the round in which he would KO the Briton.

all proportions as the years have passed. All sorts of allegations have been made since then that weren't made at the time, and the chances are that if you talk to half a dozen fight fans, even those that were there, you'll get half a dozen different versions.

Time, then, to put the record straight, but let's first of all talk about the fight itself, the terrific build-up, and the general atmosphere that prevailed before the boxers actually entered the ring to do battle.

Besides being a fight promoter, Jack Solomons is an impresario. No expense is spared to gain the maximum publicity for any event he stages, and this one was no exception.

Jack secured this fight in April 1963, and decided to stage it on June 18, when the horseracing season, including the running of the English Derby, was at its height in Britain. With the kind of money involved, possibly around £100,000, although no figures are ever revealed, the contest had to be in the open air.

As Jack once put it, "How much money I gross, and how much I net, is the business of only two people, the Tax Man and me."

So he selected Wembley Stadium, where three years later England was to win the World Soccer Cup, and a venue that holds 100,000 people.

A ring was erected in the centre of the turf, and special bridges built to take the fans across the greyhound track to their seats.

At that time Clay, not yet world champion, was managed by a syndicate of eleven millionaires, one of whom was William Faversham. They immediately chartered their own plane and ordered 100 ringside seats.

Clay arrived on May 27 with his entourage, which included brother Rudolph, with other sparmates in Jimmy Ellis and Don Warner, both of whom would be boxing on the same bill, also bodyguard Ronald King. The Americans set up their training-camp at the Drill Hall of the 10th Parachute Battalion of the Territorial Army in West London. Admission was free, and all sessions were inundated with fans eager to catch a glimpse of this man who, although only 21, had become such a character.

Having just endured a tiring 24-hour plane journey from Kentucky, Clay immediately launched into poetry for the benefit of the welcoming press, and continued without cessation until he entered the ring.

Every morning at 5 a.m. Cass would be in London's famous Hyde Park doing his roadwork, and he looked in peak condition.

My first meeting with Clay was when Jack Solomons invited a party of boxing writers to a Sunday breakfast at the top of the Post Office Tower, the highest building in London, which has a revolving floor, so that all you have to do is remain still and enjoy the magnificent panorama of Britain's capital city as it is unfolded before you.

As I remember, I arrived at around 8:30

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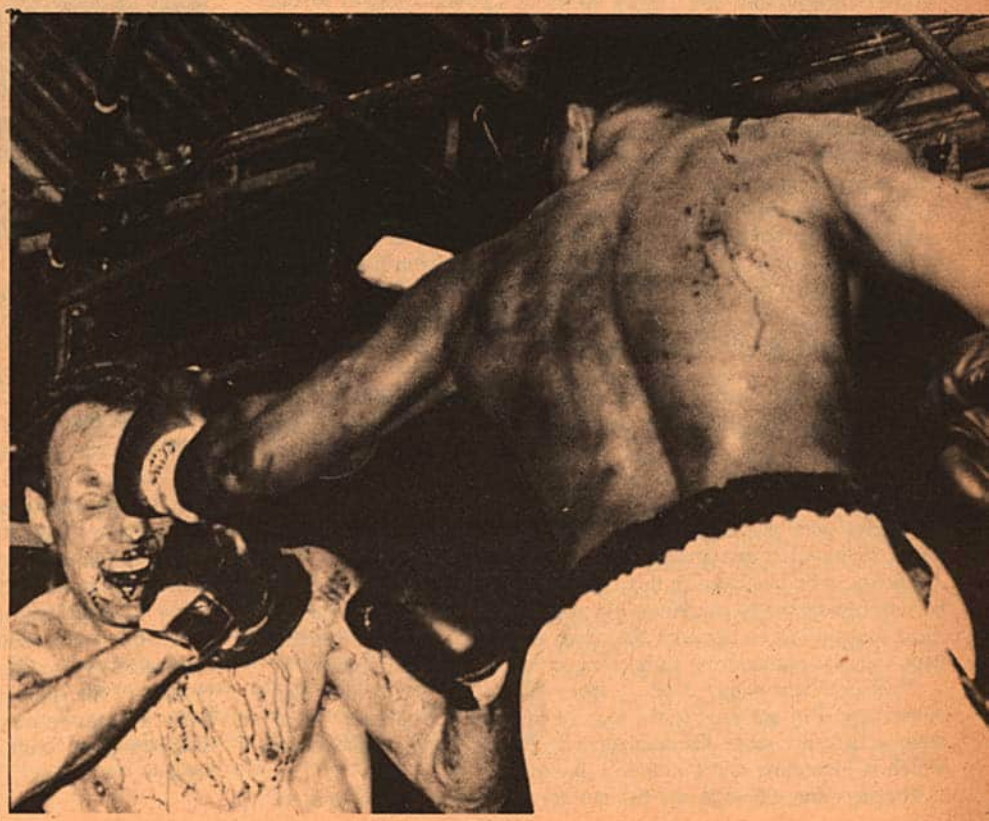
(Right) The cut over Cooper's left eye which caused referee Tommy Little to step in at the end of the 5th round to halt the action and award Clay the fight ironically didn't need even one stitch. (Below) Cooper grimaces as Clay slams a hard left to Henry's face in the final moments of their return bout of May 21, 1966, which again ended with a KO in Clay's favor due to Cooper's face cuts, this time in round 6.



An Elliott family portrait. From left to right are: Christy with son Robert, his wife Christine with daughter Elaine, and fellow Briton, Joe Bugner.

Imported from Ireland, where he held the Irish amateur middleweight title for two years, Christy sports native cap and scarf.

CHRISTY ELLIOTT, NEW IDOL

By KATHRYN MARTONE

Christy Elliott, Ireland's most recent and talented export to the boxing world, doesn't look like anybody's idea of a fighter. This young up-and-coming light heavyweight, who has compiled an impressive 12-0 (9 KO's) record in less than a year, looks more like a Robert Redford matinee idol that the classic image of the tough battle-scarred scrapper.

As a result, this handsome 5'11" blue-eyed Irishman has become the darling of an unusual number of female fans in boxing circles in and around New Jersey.

Although his colorful jabbing style and deadly knock-out punch, along with a cocky attitude and personality, have won him quite a following among the more traditional boxing enthusiasts throughout the New York-New Jersey area, it seems he has won even more admirers with his dimpled boyish grin and fascinating Dublin brogue.

"It's very nice having all the girls for fans," he smiles, "although I never had them in Ireland. I think they just like my accent!"

Christy's wife, Christine, a petite, attractive, green-eyed lass, agrees that it must be the accent, but is not bothered by her husband's popularity with the ladies. "I'm not the jealous type," she explains. "I think it's just great that he has so many fans."

Christy, who has lived in this country for nearly a year, says that he's fully adapted to the American way of life. His wife, who arrived here in December with their two children after a four-month bout with the immigration authorities, however, feels differently.

"I'm not Americanized yet," she explains. "I don't think like Americans, I'm not used to the way of life here." She adds, "The women here are more liberated than I. They're very independent, which is something that I wouldn't like to be."

She says that although she has not yet adjusted to the customs of this country she suspects that when her children go to school they will be able to teach her a lot.

Elliott scores a 4th round knockout over Prince Tarhocher, of Zaire.

The Elliott's two children, Elaine, 3, and Robert, 2, are already interested in their daddy's career. They often accompany their father to the Native Sons Gymnasium in Paterson, New Jersey, to watch him train. While Robert, a chip off the old block, is utterly fascinated by boxing, Elaine, quite the little lady, has only a casual interest in the sport itself. She is, however, one of her father's best publicity agents, passing out posters from his fights to all the children she plays with near the Elliotts' new home in Clifton, New Jersey.

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THE RON LYLE-

MIKE HAYES COMBO

Mike Hayes has been with Ron Lyle, seen here sparring, since the day Ron left prison to become an amateur boxer.

By PAUL SHUTTLEWORTH

DENVER, COLO. — "We started from scratch here with a guy no one had ever heard of (Ron Lyle), in a town that hadn't had big league boxing in 15 years. And we have built it up to where it's a major sport.

"We (The Denver Boxing Club) are one of the top 3 or 4 boxing clubs in the country. We've drawn more than a million dollars in Denver in less than 4 years with a guy nobody'd ever heard of. I've dreamed about working on a heavyweight championship fight since I've been with The Denver Boxing Club. It's the only reason I've been with them."

The speaker was Mike Hayes, a man who wears several hats in the boxing business: Promoter, Vice President of the Denver Boxing Club, and Public Relations Specialist.

The vitality-plus Hayes also finds time to do a weekend television sports show on Denver's channel 2 (KWGN).

Hayes is a stocky man, well over six feet tall, with well-groomed and styled blonde hair, who dresses in conservative sports clothes, and has an intenseness beyond his 30 years. He is a man on the move, impatient. He wants results now.

For the past 4 years, Mike Hayes has been tirelessly guiding the boxing career of Ron Lyle, who recently put in a credible performance against Muhammad Ali.

Hayes and his stunningly beautiful wife Linda live in Denver. Linda's father owns a restaurant in Denver. When Mike Hayes was a sportswriter with the Denver Post a few years back, he courted Linda over steak and potatoes. Hayes and Linda laugh as he recalls those days, "I used to go in there every day. We became friends. Eventually it grew to where it was one-sided on my part. I felt more for her. She thought I was like a big brother. But it changed for her and we married on February 14th of this year."

Linda still has her pre-marriage stewardessing job with Continental Airlines which keeps her away from home a couple of days per week. But when she's home, Linda loves to help Mike. "Linda has tremendous insight," says Mike. "If I make a mistake, she'll point it out to me. This gal is super!" Mike Hayes has been with Ron Lyle in in Lyle's quest of the heavyweight championship since day one, that day when Ron left prison to become an amateur boxer for the Denver Rocks, of the now defunct International Boxing League.

Mike with his wife Linda, who not only retains her job as an airline stewardess, but also likes to help Mike with his business.

Hayes was a sportswriter then, but when Ron turned pro in 1971, Mike had wanted to get into Public Relations, so in August of 1971 he joined the Denver Boxing Club and has been in charge ever since.

Currently, Mike is working towards getting Ron Lyle some bouts that, combined with his good fight against Ali, will entitle Lyle to a rematch sometime next year. Ali, the day after he fought Lyle, said that Ron deserved a rematch and hoped that money could be raised for one. Speaking of possible opponents for Lyle, Mike says, "Ron hasn't touched the cream of the crop yet. He hasn't touched Norton, he'd love a Quarry re-match (Jerry Quarry took a 12-round decision against Lyle in '73), he hasn't fought Frazier yet, he hasn't fought Foreman, and Joe Bugner won't fight him. Bugner's turned down our offers 6 or 7 times. We even offered to have Ron go over to England and fight him."

Everyone who knows Ron Lyle likes to talk about him, and Mike Hayes is no exception. "There's no one, outside of Ron Lyle, who wants the title more. I've been with him since he started. I know him probably better than anyone in the world, maybe even better than his parents. I don't know the true inside Ron Lyle, because he'll never tell anybody about that. But as for knowing about Ron Lyle, the man, and being with him, I don't think there's anyone closer. I do it out of dedication, not for the money. Ron's very quiet, never talks much. He's not a braggart. He has a lot of respect for the people in the business."

Just prior to the Lyle-Ali bout in Las Vegas, some writers complained that Ron wasn't good copy. Hayes, speaking as a former sportswriter, counters these complaints by pointing out, "Ron comes across as gruff or aloof, but most sportswriters don't bother to talk with him until 3 or 4 days before a fight. They don't see him in his true habitat in Denver where he's relaxed.

"Just before a fight, Ron gets himself to the point where he's mentally 150% involved in the fight. And he won't even talk to me the day before a fight. He's completely enveloped in the fight. This is the atmosphere in which sportswriters get to know him, so they think, 'He's nasty and doesn't have respect.' But this is his life. Ron's dedicated himself to this. He started in 1965 when he was in prison. It's been a ten-year goal for him."

Mike Hayes was less than pleased with the promotional work done for the Las Vegas bout between Lyle and Ali.

Pointing to the poster for the fight, which had a backward photo of Ali on it, Hayes booms, "This kind of sloppiness drives me nuts! If we had promoted the show, we'd have been laughed out of Denver. It was the most disorganized thing. They didn't even care. They thought we were hicks from Colorado. But we cooperated as much as we could, we never turned down a request."

What's next for the hard driving Hayes?

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DID RIPPED GLOVE IN 1963 SAVE ALI'S FUTURE?

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a.m., a bit early for me on the Sabbath Day, so perhaps I wasn't quite awake as I got into the lift. I was vaguely aware that someone else was there too, and when we shot up to the top floor, a voice said, "That sure was quick." It was George Raft.

It was worth coming just to have had a long chat with George, but as usual, it was Clay who made the headlines.

On that occasion he didn't have a lot to say; he was polite, answered questions freely, but it was the calm before the storm.

In the days that followed Clay said some very unkind things about Cooper, such as, "If he behaves himself I might let him last beyond five rounds. But if he starts 'popping' (talking) I will have to dump him in three."

Henry, dignified as always, made no verbal retaliation, but the Clay boasts must have registered. At that time I wrote:

"I would think that Henry is approaching this fight with more determination than any contest for a long time.

"After all, you can't listen to your opponent calling you a 'bum' and saying you'll last only three rounds without some urge to knock the living daylights out of him."

Between them, Jack Solomons and Clay never missed a trick as far as maximum publicity was concerned. We went to Isow's restaurant, famous for sport and show-biz people, and he sat in the chair normally reserved for Sammy Davis Junior and talked for the benefit of press and TV.

Clay stopped the traffic in Piccadilly Circus by doing a bit of impromptu shadow-boxing. He did the same when he toured the West End to have a look at some of the clubs for which London is noted.

He went to a British title fight at Nottingham; he visited the traditional Derby.

All the top showmen from the United States have played the legendary London Palladium, and Clay was no exception. The official weigh-in was held there (another piece of good thinking by Jack Solomons), and never can there have been so many people at this famous theatre. The event was also televised, and Cooper and Clay laughed and joked together, neither showing signs of nerves.

Crowds lined the surrounding streets hours before the weigh-in was due. Clay had certainly captured the imagination of the British fans. He scaled 207, and Cooper 185½.

Both boxers were on a percentage of the gate, so it didn't help when it rained most of the day. However, the weather did improve in the evening, but it is probable that the earlier rain kept many would-be spectators away.

The fans enjoyed listening to the band of the Coldstream Guards and took part in community singing prior to the boxing, and there were gasps when Clay entered the ring wearing a red and white ankle length dressing-gown. On the back was "Cassius Clay The Greatest."

But the article that caused most controversy was his cardboard crown. On the TV recording of the fight commentator Harry Carpenter remarked, "Coming into the ring wearing that ridiculous crown, many may think he is doing his best to cheapen the fight game. And I must say I agree."

Cooper wore a blue and white gown bearing the words "Henry Cooper. England."

As to the fight itself, this is what I wrote, "Rarely have I been so proud to be British than sitting at the ringside watching Cooper wade into Cass from the first bell as if he had named the round in which he would win instead of the American.

"It was the most impressive first round by Cooper or any other British heavyweight against a World-rated fighter for many years.

"As for Clay, his pride must have suffered in the first couple of rounds, and he didn't really come into his own until Henry was handicapped."

Cooper's eye was cut in the second, the injury gradually worsened, but then came the fourth-round knockdown. I couldn't hear the count—it was "three", or "four" at most, when the bell ended the session.

The events that followed I have already described, but to the best of my knowledge no one has ever interviewed all the principals connected with the "split glove" incident.

First of all, referee Tommy Little retired from the sport several years ago, and not much has been heard of him since. I traced Tommy to his tobacconist-confectionery shop in Chertsey. He lives in that area with his wife Daphne and their three children, two sons, Alan and Brian, and a daughter Marlene, all adults now.

"My part was simple," said Tommy. "When the round ended I was immediately called to Clay's corner and shown the split glove. I then went to the ringside and asked for a replacement. When I got the sign that all was all I gave the instruction for the next round to commence."

Next in action was Teddy Waltham, then General Secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, himself a fine boxer in his day, and a world-class referee, who long after he had officially given up acting as Third Man was called upon to referee world title fights in different parts of the globe.

I spoke to him on the telephone at his home in North London, and later met him personally. He retired from his job as Secretary a few years ago, but still keeps in touch with the sport. His wife Kitty was with him when we met and they have an 18-year-old daugher who is about to start a University course.

Teddy told me—"Referee Little was called to Clay's corner, and then shouted to us officials at ringside for a new pair, which I already had quite near. There was no question of anyone having to go to the dressing-room to get them, as has been suggested.

"Without any delay I took them up into Clay's corner and handed them over to his seconds. The gloves (both of them) were changed in my presence, and I was quite satisfied that everything had been done according to the rules and as quickly as possible.

"How long did the whole operation take? I would estimate around five minutes."

Next I talked to Harry Vines, now Chief Inspector of the Board, whose memory of the incident is also a vivid one. I spoke to him on the day he returned from Italy, where he was struck on the shoulder by a bottle thrown by a spectator after Ken Buchanan had kept his European lightweight title. Harry told me the scenes there were worse than anything he had ever witnessed, and that he was recommending that British boxers do not fight again in Sardinia.

However, Harry confirmed that the injury was not as serious as first thought, and then went on to give his recollection of the Cooper-Clay incident.

"As soon as the bell ended the round, Angelo Dundee leaped into the ring to escort Clay to his corner, which in no time at all was completely surrounded by his seconds.

"Dundee then called referee Tommy Little's attention to the split glove, and Tommy in turn called for a replacement.

"There was, of course, a little confusin, as no one was quite sure what was going on. But there was a suitable pair at the ringside, and these were taken to Clay's corner.

"I am not sure whether both gloves were replaced, or just the split one, but the latter certainly was, and no time was wasted in getting the gloves to the corner. Certainly no one had to go all the way back to the dressing room to get a pair.

"There was no rule, but it was fairly normal practice for gloves to be at the ringside for important contests, and this incident proved this policy to be a sound one, and one which is now always carried out.

"As to the time that elapsed between the end of one round and the beginning of the next, I would estimate this as around five minutes."

But as in any query regarding time, the man who knows everything is the timekeeper. Britain's No. 1 in this category, Stan Courtney, was in control of this contest and doesn't rely on his memory. Every contest he has ever refereed is written down in notebooks, together with all the details, including every incident.

Incidentally, Stan is related to the former bantamweight champion Pedlar Palmer. He lives in Essex, and is still Britain's No. 1 timekeeper.

He told me—"Clay got up at four. He seemed OK, and was hustled to his corner by his seconds.

"Board Secretary Teddy Waltham, sitting at the ringside, had a pair of gloves by his

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VALDEZ GETS UNANIMOUS DECISION OVER ROBLES

By TRUDIE LOUBET

CARTAGENA, Colombia — Quick starting Rodrigo Valdez did his best to put away Californian Rudy Robles for the benefit of his home town fans, but succeeded only in decisioning the wily Robles over 15 rounds to retain his World Boxing Council portion of the world middleweight title.

The fighting styles of the two men made for a match with no knockdowns, but constant pressure. 22-year-old Robles, who had never been knocked out, had lost only twice in his 33 pro fight record, and was ranked number 6 prior to highs fight, was intent upon letting Valdez punch himself out before moving in.

Meanwhile, the 28 year old champion was obviously confused by the changing tactics of his opponent, and was never quite able to decide how to tackle him.

The Mexican-born Los Angeles resident went through the early rounds standing straight in a corner, allowing Valdez to come at him, while dodging his best punches. He then moved into the center of the ring and danced away as Rodrigo continued to stalk him.

It seemed as though the 159½ pound Robles might be getting his way as Valdez, who also weighed in at 159½ pounds slowed down and ceased to attack in the last four rounds of the bout. By the 15th round, Rodrigo had even started to bleed from the mouth, but it was too late for Robles to reverse the point disadvantage of the preceeding rounds.

When the score cards came in, referee, Victor Amor, and judges Hernando Guerrero and Horetio Castillo all of Colombia, had awarded a unanimous decision to Valdez by a wide margin.

With his third successful WBC title defense, it is clear that Valdez will have to meet and conquer the World Boxing Association's middleweight champion Carlos Monzon, sooner or later, if he is to gain the universal recognition as world champion he surely desires. Monzon talks of retiring in 1976.

For the defense of his WBC middleweight title against Rudy Robles, Rodrigo Valdez got $10,000. The American received $6,600.

On the same card in another bout, Bonifacio Avila, 161½, Colombia, beat Nelson La Salle, 160, Puerto Rico, by TKO (1.38) of the 6th. In confused action, the referee stopped the match when a fan threw a towel on the canvas. Antolin Sanchez, La Salle's manager, protested but the referee supported the decision.

Alfonso Perez, 126, retained Colombian feather title when TKO'd Bernardo Caraballo at seventh. Caraballo abandoned.

Josue Marquez, 136, Puerto Rico, demolished Miguel "Turco" Betruz, 137, Colombia, and gained the decision in 10 rounds.

Monteria — Ivo Lopez, Colombia bantam, decisioned Fausto Paez, Venezuela, in six.

Enrique Higgins won in ten rounds over Adalberto Gomez, lightweights.

Juan Gonzalez, local welter, kayoed third Jorge Ruiz.

Cartagena — Guillermo Gomez, Cartagena's feather, and Olimpo Santos, Sincelejo, drew in ten rounds.

In lightflyweight, Hector Pinto TKO'ed Victor Rebollo in the second.

Manuel Sanjuan lost in the 3rd with Carlos Rebollo, TKO in bantam class. Pedro Acosta decisioned lightweight Eusebio Vasquez in six and Carlos Ramirez abandoned in the 5th in this match with Urbano Satarin.

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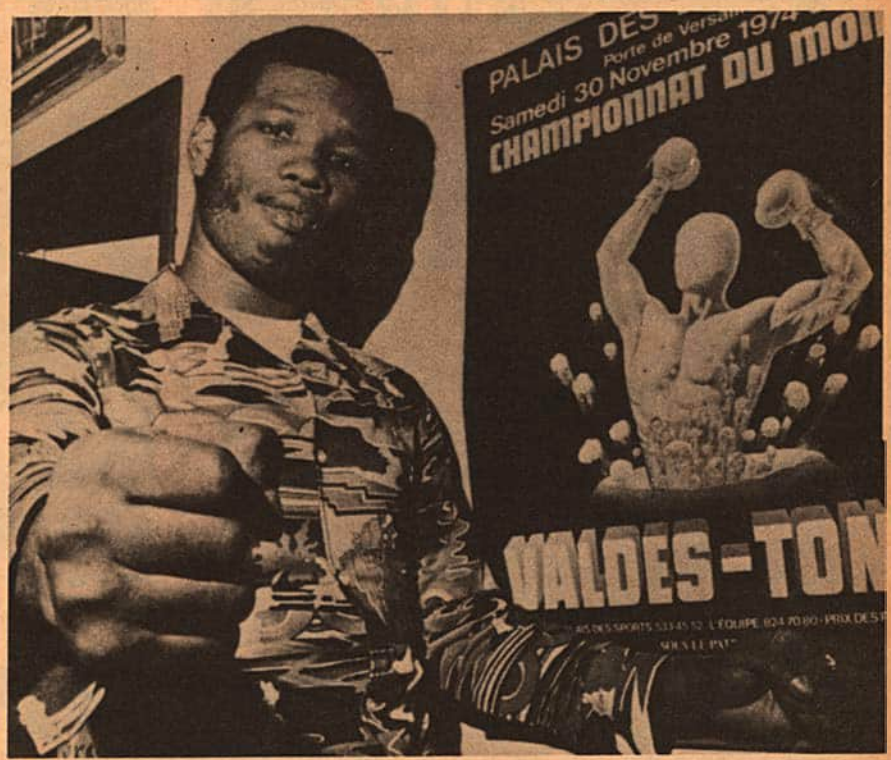


Rodrigo Valdez, of Columbia, holder of the W.B.C. middleweight title, showing right hand with which he successfully defended his crown against Rudy Robles in decision at Cartagena, Columbia.

Rudy Robles, the loser, being interviewed with manager Rudy Montoya, by sportcaster Jim Healey, on recent trip to Hollywood, California.

STERLING AND STRACEY GIVE UP THEIR BRITISH TITLES

London, England — Bunny Sterling and John Stracey have given up their British middleweight and welterweight titles respectively.

Stracey prefers to concentrate on the defense of his European crown and a possible shot at the World title.

Sterling will concentrate on his challenge for the European crown against Gratien Tonna the champion, which will take place shortly.

ESPINOSA BEATS CARABALLO IN TENNER AT BOGATA

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ V. (LAGOVIN)

Bogata, Colombia. — Miguel Espinosa, Bogata, decisioned Bernardo Caraballo, Cartgena, 10.

Jose "Benny Kid" Prada, Bogata, TKO'ed Milton Mendez, Cartagena, at 0:40 of the second round. Jr. welters.

Freddy Hernandez debuted as a pro and kayoed Jairo Bedoya in the second (2:20). Flyweights.

The Colombian Carlos Arturo Cossio gained decision in eight over Abraham Meza, Venezuela. Both lightweights.

Francisco "Boo ga loo" Castro, Colombia, TKO'ed in 8 Antonio Barbosa, Brasil. Feathers.

▲**Barranquilla** — Emiliano Villa, Colombian welter, TKO'ed at 2:48 of the first, Jorge Richards of Panama.

Alfonso Perez, Colombia, kayoed in the first (2:00) Enrique Warren of Panama. Both feathers.

Alfonso Casseres, TKO'd in 1 (1:10) Julio Sanjuan, Colombian lightweight.

Clemente Rojas, Olympic bronze medal winner, TKO'ed in 5 Jorge Esorcia. Lights.

Juanito Herrera, sensational fly of Colombia, kayoed Jose Pimentel, Republica Dominicana.

Has Ken Buchanan Really Retired?

By RON OLVER

LONDON, ENGLAND — European lightweight champion Ken Buchanan, of Scotland, has announced his retirement from the ring. This decision was made shortly after his successful title defense in Italy, when he stopped Giancarlo Usai in twelve rounds.

There were ugly scenes after this contest in Cagliari, bottles and other missiles being thrown at the British contingent. Ken, his father Tommy, and the Boxing Board's Chief Inspector, Harry Vines, all being cut and bruised.

During the bout Ken complained of double vision, and on his return to Britain saw an eye specialist.

His retirement will be a great loss to the sport. Consider this record. Sixty fights, only three defeats, two of them in world title fights and one in a European championship. AND KEN WAS NEVER BEATEN IN A BRITISH RING.

His career has spanned ten years, and is estimated to have earned him around £300,000. He deserves every penny of it.

The Buchanan career is too well known to fight fans to need repeating. Briefly, he turned pro in September 1965 at the age of 20. He won the Scottish lightweight title in 1967, the British crown in 1968, the world championship in 1970, and the European title in 1974.

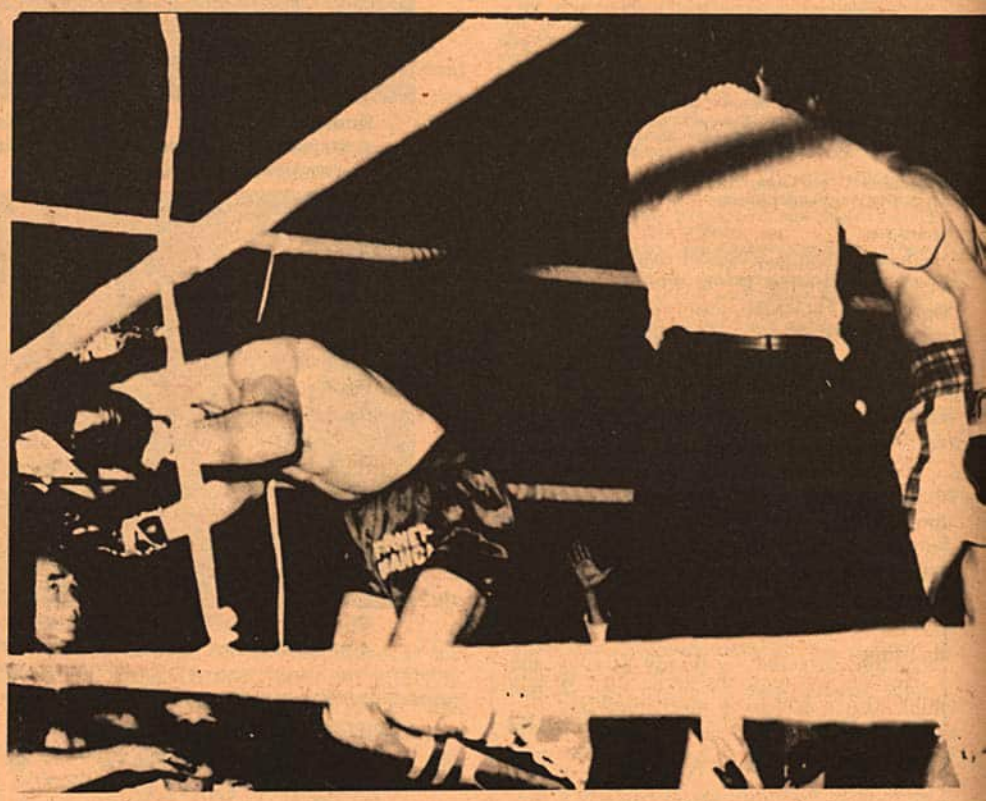
He lost his world crown to Roberto Duran in New York in 1972, and the following year won the Lonsdale Belt outright (three British championship victories at the same weight).

Ken never really got the recognition and support he so richly deserved from the British public. And most promoters didn't exactly fall over themselves to engage his services.

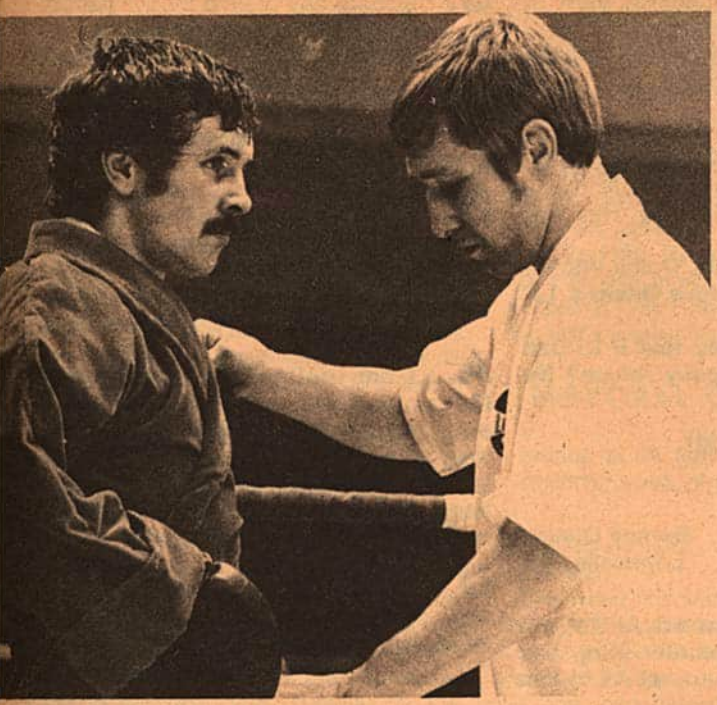
So many of his contests, especially the early ones, took place in Sporting Clubs, where the membership is limited. So when he eventually won the British title, many fans had not seen him in action.

As soon as Ken won the world crown he became one of Britain's greatest-ever "am-

Ex-world lightweight champion Ken Buchanan and his wife Carol stand outside of Buckingham Palace after the Queen Mother's presentation of the Order of the British Empire to Ken.



The fight that marks the end of Buchanan's career is his July 26, 1975, bout with Giancarlo Usai, in Cogliari. Here, the referee stops the fight in round 12 to save Usai, who is draped over the ropes.



The ex-champ looks over his younger brother Alan before a fight. Ken anticipates spending more time helping to further Alan's boxing career as a means of maintaining an interest in the sport.

bassadors'' overseas. When he won the title by outpointing Ismael Laguna, it was the first time a Briton had won a world championship overseas since Ted Kid Lewis did the trick in 1916.

And it was right then that Ken's ''ambassadorship'' took effect; his only previous contest out of Britain had been that disputed defeat by Spaniard Miguel Velasquez, in Madrid, and from September 1970 until July 1975, his latest contest, ONLY FOUR OF HIS TWENTY-THREE BOUTS TOOK PLACE IN BRITAIN.

In fact, his last appearance in Britain was in March 1973. It seems fantastic that one of Britain's greatest-ever professionals, and that's how highly I rate Ken, did not box more before his own supporters. He boxed only TWICE in his native Scotland, and promoter Harry Levene was quoted as saying:

''The people who patted Ken on the back and played the bagpipes to welcome him home to Scotland didn't buy tickets for his London fight. I put him on three times at Wembley and paid him well.''

Another promoter who encouraged and assisted him in obtaining the fight with Laguna, in which he won the crown, was Jack Solomons.

As I have mentioned before, his early bouts were mostly at Sporting Clubs, and it was NSC matchmaker Les Roberts who was responsible for getting him the experience which he so badly needed, but couldn't seem to get, from commercial promoters at that time.

He was awarded the OBE for his services to the sport, yet I think Ken would have much preferred British fans rooting for him at his fights in the same manner as they did for boxers like Henry Cooper and Billy Walker.

But both of these were heavyweights. Ken was only a lightweight, and I think this had something to do with the lack of support. The fans no longer seem to want to watch the skills. They prefer to be entertained, and the more often a couple of ''big'' men are up and down like yo-yos with plenty of leather flying, the better they are pleased.

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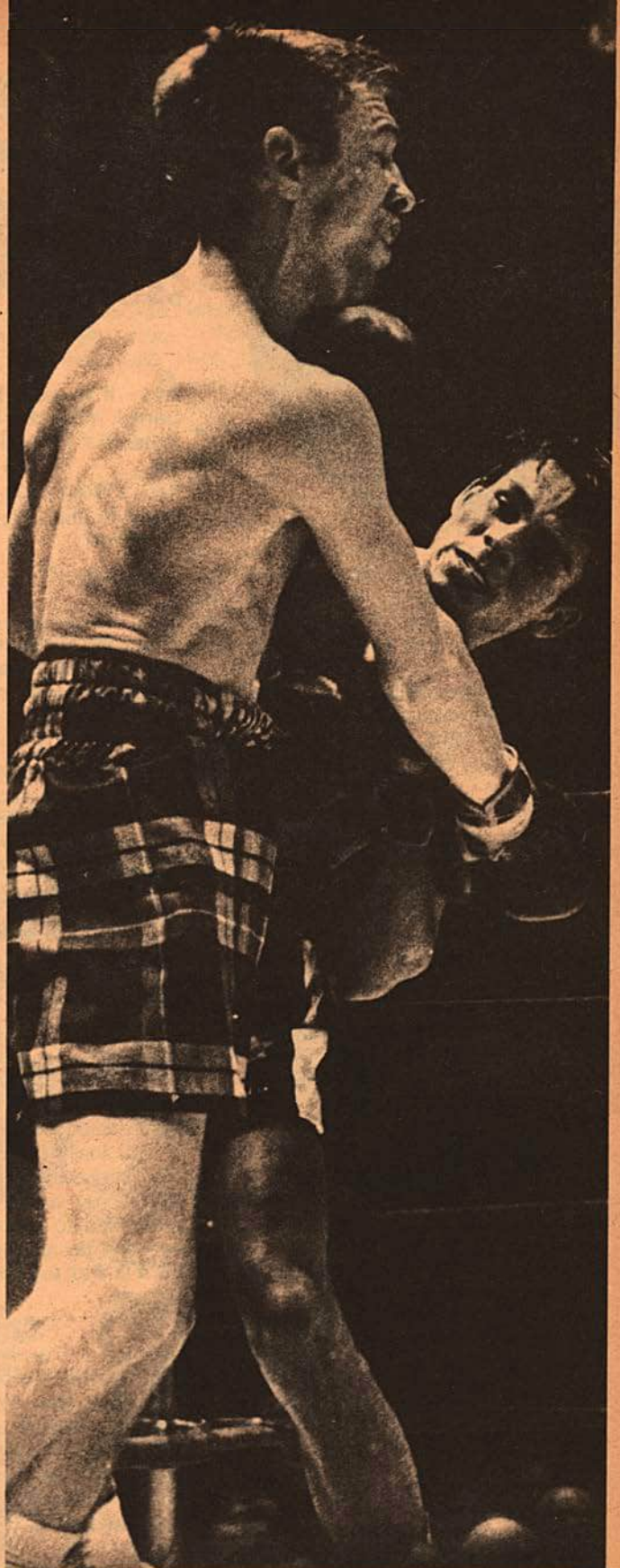
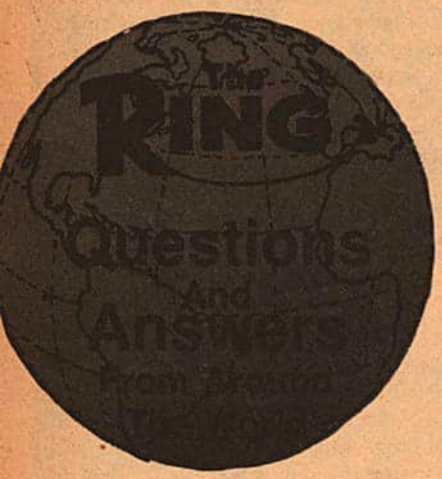


Buchanan takes a right to the jaw by Roberto Duran during their New York battle on June 26, 1972, in which Duran scored a 13th round KO and won the world title.



Q. What were the weights in the two Louis-Conn fights?

Brad K. Burke
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A. On June 18, 1941, Louis stopped Conn in 13. Joe, 199½; Billy, 174. On June 19, 1946, Louis stopped Conn in 8. Joe, 207; Billy, 182.

Q. How many fighters have signed confessions of fakes? I have found only two. Do you know of a greater number?

Harry Kane
Las Vegas, Nev.

A. You are right. Jake LaMotta confessed to faking against Tiger Fox and Jack Johnson confessed to faking against Jess Willard. The Johnson confession is in the Ring office. The late Nat Fleischer did not believe it. He said Jack needed the money, $250.

Q. Could Bombardier Wells have beaten Henry Cooper in their prime?

Enrico Silvani
Milan, Italy

A. Not likely. The Bombardier was reputed to have a glass jaw.

Q. Is it true that Bobby Chacon reduced 16 pounds in the last ten days of training to get down to the feather limit vs. Ruben Olivares? It is hard to believe.

Angelo Durue
Boston, Mass.

A. Yes, it is true. He kept fighting the scales until the last hour before the so-called battle. He got $150,000 for the brief fiasco.

Q. Mr. Answer Man, you have seen a lot of fights. Which was the bloodiest?

Roger Kruger
Detroit, Mich.

A. The Belloise-Villemain fight in New York. The Frenchman was covered with gore. Heavyweight fights seldom become as bloody.

Q. I have seen in the Ring a statement that Gene Tunney said he had offered Dempsey a million to fight him a third time and Jack refused. Has this been verified?

Ms. Dollie Vittmer
New Orleans, La.

A. It is true. Tunney told it to Dan Daniel. Why did Dempsey refuse? No sabe.

Q. Would you say that Ali is getting ready to join Don King in the promotion business?

Barney Qualey
Louisville, Ky.

A. No, I do not expect Ali to join King or any other promoter. King has said that he does not expect Ali to join him.

Q. Do you believe that the Ring's poll made a just decision when it placed Muhammad Ali No. 9 among the all-time greats of the heavyweight class? I say he got a raw deal and belongs in No. 4.

Jim Coggins
Birmingham, Ala.

A. I believe that in view of Ali's lack of a real KO punch, No. 9 is a just location for him.

Q. How do boxing historians explain leaving Marvin Hart off the list of heavyweight champions? He beat Root in a fight that was announced as being for the heavyweight title. Jeffries said that the winner would be his successor. He later tried to repudiate this but the fact remains he refereed the Hart-Root fight. How is it all explained?

Louis Armbruster
New Orleans, La.

A. Some historians deny that Jeffries had the right to name Hart and Root to fight it out for his renounced title. It is all very simple. Jeffreis retired and the man to display the right to lay claim to the championship was Tommy Burns.

Q. Was Jack Johnson married to a white woman?

Gage Gilbey
Chapel Hill, N.C.

A. Both wives, the Duryea and Cameron women, were white.

Q. Is there any ground for sympathizing with Jack Dempsey financially?

Walter Cinacher
Toronto, Ont.

A. No, Jack Dempsey is reported to be a millionaire.

Q. Is there any reason to expect a third fight between Muhammad Ali and Ken Norton?

Beven Heller
Cleveland, Ohio

A. I am inclined to believe that Muhammad will not fight Ken again and that Ali is closer to retirement than is generally believed. If he were to lose to Frazier he most likely will hang up his gloves. Should he win, I believe he may still call it quits.

Q. Have we had any prominent fighters of near professional class in baseball?

George Franciscus
San Francisco, Cal.

A. Yes. Among them John L. Sullivan and Rocky Marciano. Corbett was a fair ball player. His brother Joe pitched for the Baltimore Orioles.

Q. Is it true that Muhammad Ali set a record with five title defenses in one year?

Jim Samon
London, England

A. No. Joe Louis defended the title eight times in 1941. Tommy Burns defended seven times in 1908, stopped by Johnson in No. 7.

Q. What makes some of those old time heavies so important? For example, Jeffries. Corbett was an old man when he went 23 rounds with the Boilermaker. If his legs had held out for seven more minutes he would have recovered the title he lost to Fitzsimmons. What was so great about Fitz? He was on the losing end with Corbett when he accidentally landed the highly advertised solar plexus blow. The disposition is not to give many of the modern stars their just dues. Marciano, a great fighter on attack and defense, is under-rated. I think Muhammad Ali deserves better than No. 9 in the all-time poll.

Arnold Connolly
Portland, Ore.

A. You may be right, you may be wrong. You are arguing against the big majority on some of the old time fighters. As for Ali, time will tell. It is too early to pass judgment on his location among the Top Ten. Right now, No. 9 appears to be correct.

DID RIPPED GLOVE IN 1963 SAVE ALI'S FUTURE?

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side, and took them up into Clay's corner.

"As far as I remember he stayed there while the job of fitting on the new pair was completed.

"At no time was I instructed to stop my watch to allow for the re-fitting of the gloves; therefore, I waited until I got the signal from referee Little to ring the bell. When I did so my watch shoeowed that the interval between rounds had in fact been 1 min. 40 sec."

THIS IS OFFICIAL. So even Teddy and Harry could be misled when it came to assessing time. The reason is a simple one—when you are doing something, and concentrating on it, you can have no idea of how quickly, or slowly, time is passing.

So there you have it. The time was only 40 seconds over the allotted one-minute rest, not five minutes, or four, or even three.

Now what about the split glove? Was this a genuine split that happened during the boxing, or had someone deliberately split the glove, as has been alleged?

Firstly, a photograph was published by the London Daily Mirror, purporting to show that the glove was actually split in the fourth round, where bits of material seem to be flying around off Clay's glove.

But there is nothing like an eye-witness, and boxing writer Reg Gutteridge, also a top TV commentator, wrote the following in the London Evening News & Star—

"I have just examined the controversial split glove that Clay wielded against Cooper.

"The tear, WHICH DEFINITELY HAPPENED BEFORE CLAY WAS KNOCKED DOWN, was at the base of the thumb.

"It was impossible for Clay's knuckles to have 'bared.' The sponge padding is a complete strip over the hand."

That would seem to be that. But the fight itself. Although no official enquiry was held, it served to bring a change in the rules to the effect that in future the count would continue when a boxer was on the canvas at the end of a round, and that he must not be helped off the canvas or even touched by anyone until he has either been counted out or gets up under his own steam.

It is history of course that Clay made a full recovery during the extended interval, and went on to stop Henry in the following round on an eye injury.

Even that caused controversy. Referee Little told me that he had stopped the fight because he wanted to save Cooper from possible permanent injury to his eye.

I must admit from outside the ring the injury looked a bad one, yet Frank Butler wrote in the News Of The World that Cooper's eye "did not require ONE stitch, illustrating how exaggerated were the reports of the injury.

"Blood always looks messy, but the wound was far from terrible."

There was always a lot of fuss made about Cooper's injury-prone eyes, but before this particular contest Henry had lost only TWO bouts on eye injuries, to Uber Bacilieri (1955) and Peter Bates (1956).

In his very next fight Clay won the world title by stopping Sonny Liston. Cooper and Clay met again, with the latter's title at stake, in 1966. No controversy this time and again an eye injury caused the fight to be stopped in Clay's favour, in the sixth round. But that's another story.

MAYORAL OVER MAYAN IN 10

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unanimous decision over Mike Mayan in the 10th round.

This writer met with Angel Mayoral in the Hacienda Executive offices both the day before and after the fight with Mayan, and while not a doctor, can attest to the fact that his nose had indeed been broken which would certainly be a deciding element in Mayoral's becoming winded in rounds 5 through 8.

This fact was also verified during a meeting with Mike Sarge in which we discussed the X-Rays taken immediately after the fight by Dr. Donald Romeo of the Nevada State Athletic Commission. Dr. Romeo confirmed that the lateral bone in the nose had been broken, causing the cartilege to block the nasal passages, thus preventing sufficient intake of air.

In discussing Angel's future plans with Mike Sarge, several possibilities seem evident, particularly a shot at the title in the near future.

Negotiations had been underway in April with the Panama Boxing Commission to arrange a bout with Roberto Duran, but Mayoral's broken hand on April 9th shelved the talks for awhile. Since that time, Angel has been preparing to take on the winner of the Randy Shields/Arturo Pineda fight. After that, the next stepping stone is Guts Suzuki, WBC Champion out of Japan, for which negotiations are already underway.

At 23 years of age, Angel Mayoral has already exhibited an excellent record of 46 wins (17 KO's) to 6 losses, and would appear to be a top contender for a bout with Duran later in the year. At the rate he is going, this writer would not be at all surprised if there are quite a few shake-up's in the lightweight division.

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*George Foreman, Hayward, Calif.
1—Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
3—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
5—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
6—Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
7—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
8—Howard Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Pat Duncan, Portland, Ore.
10—Randy Neuman, Cliffside Park, N.J.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
1—Richie Kates, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Tom Bethea, New York, N.Y.
3—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, N.Y.
4—Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
6—Bob Foster, Albuquerque, N.M.
7—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.
8—Chris Elliott, Paterson, N.J.
9—Willie Taylor, Brooklyn, N.Y.
10—Johnny Baldwin, Houston, Texas

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
1—Vito Antuofermo, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
3—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
7—Leo Saenz, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
8—Eddie Gregory, New York, N.Y.
9—Rico Hoye, Detroit, Mich.
10—Mike Rossman, Turnesville, N.J.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Mike Baker, Spartanburg, S.C.
1—James Marshall, San Francisco, Calif.
2—Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
4—Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.
5—Jackie Smith, Brockton, Mass.
6—Pete Ranzany, Sacramento, Calif.
7—Oscar Alvarado, Uvalde, Texas
8—Keith Averett, Akron, Ohio
9—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
10—Ike Shipman, Denver, Colo.

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
3—Nick Ortiz, Puerto Rico
4—Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
5—Carlos Palomino, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
7—Wilfredo Benitez, Puerto Rico
8—Alfonso Haymon, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Larry Bonds, Denver, Colo.
10—Andy Price, Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
1—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
3—Lou Bizzarro, Erie, Pa.
4—Jimmy Heair, San Diego, Calif.
5—Adolph Viruet, Puerto Rico
6—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
7—Benny Huertas, Puerto Rico
8—Laudial Negron, Puerto Rico
9—Rudy Hernandez, San Diego, Calif.
10—George Anderson, St. Paul, Minn.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
1—Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas, Nev.
2—Hector Medina, Puerto Rico
3—Frankie Benitez, Puerto Rico
4—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Tim Walker, Washington, D.C.
7—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
8—Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
9—Johnny Copeland, Springfield, Mo.
10—Mike Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
2—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
3—Ben Ortiz, Puerto Rico
4—Ray Lunny III, San Carlos, Calif.
5—Ronnie McGarvey, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
6—Dom Monaco, Brooklyn, N.Y.
7—Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y.
8—Ruby Ortiz, New York, N.Y.
9—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
10—Norman Goins, Indianapolis, Ind.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
2—Kenny Weldron, Houston, Texas
3—Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Gary Ferrari, Seattle, Wash.
6—James Busceme, Beaumont, Texas
7—Sergio Ayala, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Alfonso Evans, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Jimmy Lopez, Salem, N.H.
10—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
2—Joe Guevara, Puerto Rico
3—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
5—Bobby Lee Hunter, Denver, Col.
6—Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
8—Tony Rocha, Houston, Texas
9—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Pasqual Caldera, San Jose, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
*Tony Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
1—Raul Rosette, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
4—Willie Jenson, Las Vegas, Nev.
5—Alfonso Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Melvin Johnson, Clovis, N.M.
8—Victor Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
9—Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
10—Erasmo Flores, Houston, Texas

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THE WELCOME TO CONTEH

A guy named Conteh comes into New York from London and he gets the big Hello. A guy named Hutchins, American born and reared, tries to get a fight in New York and what does he get? He gets the Big Nix.

We are very receptive to foreign fighters and unappreciative to our own.

Don King sent an assistant to Carlos Monzon, the middleweight champion, then in New York to tell the Argentinian that he had been asked to move into another suite. Monzon, of nasty temper and arrogance, punched the assistant in the face. He should have been arrested for assault.

Kearney Kane
New York, N.Y.

RING PUNCH LINES NOV.

Why is so little material available on the fight career of Jake Kilrain? He went 2 hours 16 minutes (75 rounds) with John L. Sullivan but very little material on this fight is available in spite of the fact that Sullivan was defending the bare knuckle title. I would like to see a story about Kilrain in the Ring. He must have been a great fighter to last that long against the Boston Strong Boy. Sullivan has had books written about him. I believe that he is overrated. I will not sign my right name because if my granddad read that in the Ring he would chase me from his home. When John L. ran into a real fighter, Jim Corbett, he was knocked out.

John Emanenon
Boston, Mass.

Editor's Note – When Sullivan met Cornbett in 1892 he was washed up. In fact he had little left when he met Kilrain in July 1889 at Richburg, Miss.

THINKS FOREMAN GOT DIRTY DEAL

If a beaten heavyweight champion ever got a dirty deal it was—and is—George Foreman. When he was stopped by Ali you would think that no previous title holder ever had been knocked out. The man trained very badly. He had no professional trainer. The heat was too much for him. In the first five rounds he had the better of Ali, who got away with murder in that rope trick fight. Give Foreman a break. He is entitled to a return match and it could be he can beat Muhammad. Foreman is a hard puncher. Ask Frazier. He is a powerful man. He is entitled to a chance to regain the championship.

The five-man circus in Toronto was badly run.

Expert management would have made it a worthwhile event. That it was a fiasco was not entirely the fault of Foreman. Give the guy a break.

John R. Spamgler
Atlanta, Ga.

BORN UNDER LUCKY STAR

Cassius Clay, Muhammad Ali, was born on January 22, 1942, in Louisville. I give that to the astrologers. If ever a heavyweight got all of the breaks from Dame Fortune, he has been favored with them. Right from the fifth round against Liston in Miami Beach he was favored by luck as trainer Angelo Dundee lifted him out of his chair and threw him back into the ring, where he soon had the world title from a man who probably was on drugs to the end of his days.

How about the supposedly torn glove the night he was knocked down by Henry Cooper in London? Again Dundee saved his fistic life. These are a few incidents in the miraculous career of the luckiest heavyweight champion in fight history. I invite the attention of the astrology experts.

Barnett Tankoos
Ypsilantic, Mich.

THE GARDEN DEAL

I want to protest against the deal Madison Square Garden has made with out-of-town arenas. The Garden has arranged seven cards, the first of which was held in Las Vegas with Soto beating Mike Quarry in a ten.

The Garden is my fight club. I expect to be catered to by the Garden. So off they go to Nevada with a fight I would have come to see on west thirty second street in New York.

The Garden situation is rotten. The whole set-up smells to high heaven. The finest arena in the world is allowed to lie idle, waiting for special events like the circus. It is an outrageous insult to the fight fans of the Metropolitan area.

The Garden has no defense in this situation and had better sell the arena to Off Track Betting which wants the building The only trouble is that OTB will become too rich and powerful.

G. A. Trautwein
Paterson, N.J.

AGAIN, THE GARDEN

It seems that the only thing the owners of the N.Y. Garden can do is to clean house or sell the arena.

There seems to be no way to get them to pull together. The Boxing Department arranges seven cards and what does it do with them? It distributes them among other arenas, the first in Las Vegas.

We are told that the Garden finally has arranged a Buchanan-Duran fight for the title and then we read that Buchanan has retired. What flummery is this?

The boxing fans of New York are too troubled with the financial ills of the city, which is broke and never will get itself straightened out. But this does not mean that there is no chance to revive a fistic interest in New York.

My advice is to clean house. Fire everybody and hire Don King to run boxing in the Garden.

King can run fights in the Congo, Cleveland and Kuwala. He should be able to run boxing in the Garden.

Frank Gannon
New York, N.Y.

CALL IN DR. KING

The New York situation needs Dr. King. Any promoter who can find millions in Africa, Cleveland and Kuala should be able to cure what ails boxing in New York.

The main asset of King is generosity toward the fighters. He throws millions at them and they respond with signatures.

I do not know King, but it seems to me that he is the one man who can write the proper prescription for the Garden disease.

When the director and matchmaker of a tremendous arena like the Garden has to send out seven fight cards to Las Vegas and way stations, there is something radically wrong with the patient, and the specialists should be called in for consultation.

Harry Gallatier
Brooklyn, N.Y.

THE SAD CASE OF BUCHANAN

I just have learned that Ken Buchanan has retired. He says he has not been able to make a decent living in the ring.

This is not true. He has made a fortune

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RAMOS MADE IT TORRID FOR CHAMP NAPOLES IN 15

By EDUARDO AMER

Mexico, D. F. — Jose Angel "Mantequilla" Napoles, 146, had a very hard fight with Armando "Mando" Ramos, 146, to retain World welterweight title in 15 rounds. Emeterio Villanueva, 158, surprised the gang when he won by a TKO over Renato Garcia, 154, of Chile, in 6. Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, 125, bested Jose Luis Meza, 127, in ten. Jose "Pepino" Cuevas, 145, won from Carlos "Sombrita" Obregon, 146, of Colombia. Jorge Villarino, 120, whipped Enrique "Lobito" Gonzalez, 116, in 6.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Clemente Sanchez, 135, won an unpopular decision over Ramiro "Clay" Bolanos, 136, of Ecuador, in 10. Mario Roman, 134, TKO'ed Lorenzo "Bum Bum" Trujillo, 134, of Texas, in four. Kleber Viteri, 116, easily outpointed Constancio "Rocky" Garcia, 117, in 10. Ernesto Herrera, 125, bombed Armando Franco, 125, in the opening round, and retained featherweight crown of Nuevo Leon State. Enrique Muniz, 117, kayoed Alberto Cruz, 117, in two.

▲**Merida, Yucatan** — Gustavo "Guty" Espadas, 111, destroyed Juan Jose Guzman, 111, in only two rounds. Freddie Castillo, 112, another good prospect, TKO'ed Juan Zarate, 112, in two. Francisco Javier Nunez, 114, TKO'ed Rufino Gallegos, 114, in 7. Raul Franco, 116, TKO'ed Felipe Mendez, 117, in 2. Jose Manuel Gonzalez, 105, and Raul Hernandez, 106, drew in four.

▲**Ciudad Del Carmen, Campeche** — Esteban "Gallito" Gonzalez, 116, drew with Vicente Pool, 117, in ten.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Alfonso Diaz, 134, decisioned Abraham Saucedo, 134, in ten, only two days after his victory he died due to a cerebral hemorrhage.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 134, TKO'ed "Cuco" Gonzalez, 135, in 8.

▲**Tijuana** — Raul Pacheco, 112, TKO'ed Rafael Rubio, 112, in 6, and became flyweight champion of Baja California State. Agapito Villegas, 145, defeated Geronimo "Soldado" Cardenas, 144, in ten. Abraham Perez, 143, TKO'ed Manuel Moroyoqui, 144, in 6.

▲**Acapulco** — Francisco Angelito, 134, and Gamaliel de la Rosa, 134, drew in 10. Gerardo Flores, 125, TKO'ed Plutarco Carmona, 125, in one. Bibiano Gonzalez, 117, won by disqualification over Armando Cardona, 117, in three.

▲**Comitan, Chiapas** — Ney Gordillo, 124, stopped "Jarocho" Vazquez, 125, in 2.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Arturo "Kaliman" Merino, 125, halted Gaby Morgan, 125, in 3. Ventura Perez, 123, TKO'ed Jesus Alfaro, 123, in four. Jose Chavez, 116, TKO'ed Jesus Ramirez, 117, in five. Arturo Palma, 124, TKO'ed Alvaro Jimenez, 125, in 6. Jose Mendez, 134, TKO'ed Victor Villegas, 133, in two.

▲**Acapulco** — Alberto "Costenito" Morales, 110, won a very booed decision from Pedro Flores, 111, in 12 rounds, and retained Mexican flyweight championship. Arturo Delgado, 111, TKO'ed Eleocadio "Cuervo" Castellanos, 111, in 4. Emiliano "Tortuga" Mayoral, 112, TKO'ed Francisco "Borrego" Palacios, 106, in seven. Victor "Zurdo" Cortes, 126, TKO'ed Obdulio "Copala" Suastegui, 122, in two. Joel "Barretero" Gatica, 111, TKO'ed Abel Vargas, 112, in 2. Enrique Farias, 110, outscored Carlos Nunez, 110, in six.

▲**La Paz, Baja California** — Ricardo Arredondo, 138, halted Gil Becerra, 139, in 6. Roberto "Indio" Toxtle, 124, TKO'ed Ramon Salcede, 125, in seven.

▲**Guasave, Sonora** — Nacho Beltran, 112, iced Rocky Thompson, 112, in one. Ramon Campas, 145, KO'ed Felizardo Machado, 145, in 3.

▲**Monterrey** — Julio Tovar, 123, TKO'ed Pedro Chavez, 124, in 4. Panchito Garcia, 126, stopped Andres Garcia, 127, in 4.

▲**Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas** — Memo Cruz, 125, decisioned Jose "Platano" Salas, 126, in ten.

▲**Tijuana** — Jose Luis Soberanes, 130, TKO'ed Ernesto Garfias, 128, in one. Memin Becerra, 118, embalmed Juan Sarmiento, 118, in two. Paco Muniz, 124, flattened Camilo Salinas, 125, in six. Victor "Zurdo" Cortes, 126, demolished Lucio del Hielo, 125, in the very first round.

▲**Cozumel, Quintana Roo** — Miguel Canto, 115, stopped Lupe Maderam, 108, in an exhibition fight. The end came at the ninth round. Matias Marin, 110, lost to Chucho Loria, 112, in ten. David Rodriguez, 112, whipped David Barrera, 113, in six. Freddy Quijano, 111, outscored Leonel Diaz, 111, in 6. Jose Francisco Arjona, 111, and Rey Leonardo, 112, drew in four.

▲**Puebla** — Jose Bautista, 117, KO'ed Jorge Castillo, 117, in four.

▲**Minatitlan, Veracruz** — Abraham Soto, 112, defeated Jose "Costeno" Mendoza, 112, in 10. Miguel "Rancherito" Fernandez, 112, bested "Magallito" Lozada, 111, in ten. "Guerrero" Ibarra, 124, polished off Eloy "Zorrita" Yepez, 125, in one.

▲**Ciudad Madero, Tamaulipas** — Sergio Lozano, 145, nailed Jose Luis Baltazar, 146, in the tenth and last round. Arturo Guzman, 119, stopped Humberto Reyes, 119, in four.

▲**Mexico, D. F.** — Carlos Saldivar, 125, won by a disqualification from Sixto Castillo, 125, in six. Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, and Alfonso Aguilar, 112, drew in ten. Eleazar Sanchez, 113, decisioned Pedro Hernandez, 113, in 8. Eleuterio Hernandez, 132, lost to Mario Alvarado, 133, in six. Agustin Martinez, 117, TKO'ed David Hernandez, 117, in four.

▲**Monterrey** — David Escobedo, 117, beat Jose Luis Cruz, 116, in ten. Humberto Sanchez, 124, in seven.

▲**Campeche** — Paulino Canche, 115, KO'ed "Canelo" Cruz, 116, in two. Guillermo Mis, 112, lost to Marcelo Alamilla, 113, in 8.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Jesus "Papelero" Estrada, 127, Mexican featherweight champion, and Goyo Vargas, 125, in ten. Raul Martinez Mora, 133, easily outscored Humberto Alcala, 134, in ten. Lupe Pintor, 113, a good prospect, flattened Roberto Alvarez, 113, in 1.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Ney Gordillo, 125, bested Victor Ramirez, 125, in 10. Samuel Machorro, 116, halted Fabian Palma, 118, in six. Santiago Hernandez, 116, won by a disqualification over Nicolas Uribe, 116, in 4. Salvador "Negro" Torres, 123, won from Rafael Rojas, 124, in six. Fidencio Gonzalez, 125, TKO'ed Alberto Silva, 124, in one.

▲**Tijuana** — Jorge Reyes, 118, won by a disqualification over Martin Corona, 117, in seven. "Negro" Torres, 116, decisioned "Chamaco" Lopez, 116, in ten. Ignacio "Oso" Sanchez, 145, stopped Martin Garibay, 144, in two.

▲**Reynosa, Tamaulipas** — Roberto "Kid" Ruvaldino, 117, outpointed Joe Guevara, 117, in the. Guadalupe "Cubano" Hernandez, 117, kayoed Manuel Quiroz, 117, in three.

▲**Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas** — Ramon "Changa" Guillen, 114, whipped Lupe Hernandez, 114, in ten.

▲**Campeche** — Clemente Perez, 120, won by a disqualification over Jose del C. Briceno Canto, 121, in four. Jose Gabriel Tzab, 112, TKO'ed Armando Medina, 111, in the first round. William Montero, 109, TKO'ed Jorge Aznar, 110, in 3. William Vera, 111, defeated Kid Paleta, 112, in four.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Roberto Valenzuela, 111, outboxed Andres Reyes, 112, in ten. Eleazar Delgado, 134, TKO'ed Eleazar "Chai" Montes, 134, in 3. Armando Cardona, 116, beat Tino Nunez, 117, in eight.

▲**Guaymas, Sonora** — David Arellano, 145, decisioned Hipolito "Zovek" Barajas, 146, in ten.

▲**Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 134, stopped Jesus "Mortero" Alonso, 135, in 8.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Lupe Aguilar, 125, embalmed Alejandro Flores, 124, in four.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Carlos Martinez, 140, knocked out Sergio Rodriguez, 142, in six. Adrian Cruz, 145, bombed Jose Luis Martinez, 146, in one.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Pedro Martinez, 124, nailed Rodolfo Castillo, 124, in seven.

▲**Veracruz** — Chucho Aparicio, 116, polished off Severiano Mendoza, 114, in seven. Fernando Gonzalez, 111, stopped Andres Lobera, 110, in four.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Tomas Frias, 125, TKO'ed Pedro Martinez, 125, in nine. Ruben Garcia, 125, outscored Maximino Rangel, 124, in ten. Javier Solis, 118, whipped Jorge Villarino, 120, in 8.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Rosalio Badillo, 125, demolished Jorge Martinez, 125, in four.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Antonio "Moro" Rodriguez, 112, stopped Lorenzo Maldonado, 112, in 3. Mario Luna, 145, TKO'ed Fernando Lugo, 145, in nine. Ignacio Campos, 129, kayoed Pedro Lozano, 130, in two.

▲**Tampico, Tamaulipas** — Carlos Mendoza, 119, of Panama, knocked out Ubaldo Torres, 118, in four. Salvador Avendano, 112, stopped "Changa" Gallegos, 113, in seven.

▲**San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora** — Julio Leal, 124, decisioned Al Torres, 124, in ten. Jorge Valenzuela, 117, TKO'ed Artemio Geronimo, 117, in six and became bantamweight champion of Sonora State.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Jorge David Monzon, 125, TKO'ed Victor "Zurdo" Cortes, 125, in 1. Gerardo Flores, 124, TKO'ed Pino Hernandez, 125, in 3. Joel Gatica, 111, TKO'ed Arnulfo Jiminez, 111, in five.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Alfredo Carranza, 124, KO'ed Jose Luis Solis, 124, in 2. Felipe Avila, 122, kayoed Jose Luis Morado, 123, in 5.

▲**Veracruz** — Miguel "Rancherito" Fernandez, 111, beat Pedro Sandoval, 111, in 10. Ruben Quintas, 144, stopped Tony Cruz, 145, in 4.

YAMABE BEATS MUNIZ IN CLOSE ONE AT HONOLULU

By TED YAMACHIKA

Honolulu, Hawaii — In perhaps the best bout of this year "Buzzsaw" Yamabe, 138, Japan, won a hairline decision in ten rounds over Javier Muniz, 139, Los Angeles, at the Honolulu International Center arena.

The three officials' unanimous scorecards had Yamabe ahead by 2, 2, and 3 points but the fight was even closer than that. The Buzzsaw no doubt landed the greater number of blows but the tough Muniz took all of them without blinking an eye, while it appeared as if Muniz shook up the Japanese fighter on a couple of occasions.

In another slambang featherweight scrap veteran Famoso Gomez of Mexico was held to a draw by Fel Clementes, a 23-year-old new arrival from the Philippines. Gomez could have eked out a win but for 2 points he lost for low blows. Clementes is strong and willing but needs some more fights.

Roger Moreno, 128, Philippines, beat Yoshio Tano, 126¾, Japan, in 4.

Jose Orantes, 122, Mexico, outpointed Jerry Sojot, 122, Honolulu.

William Vea, 216¾, Honolulu, defeated Charles Lum, 191, Honolulu.

▲Bert Nabalatan, 124¾, Philippines, knocked out Jimmy Martinez, 126, Texas, in the 6th of a scheduled tenner at the HIC. This was Nabalatan's first showing in Honolulu after a long absence.

In a companion tenner, Rudy Hernandez, 138, Los Angeles, methodically chopped down Mar Yuson, 137, Philippines, and had him almost helpless in the 8th round.

▲Domi Manalang, 137, Philippines, beat Rudy Tulonghari, 131¾, Philippines, in 4.

Ely Axinto, 120¼, Philippines, decisioned Ruben Aguilar, 121, Mexico, in 6.

Modesto Dayaganon, 123¾, Philippines, knocked out Ray Thomas, 123½, Los Angeles, in one.

Willie Goodwin, 155, Honolulu, was held to a ten-round draw by Tommy Howard, 156, Los Angeles.

In another tenner, Domi Cruz, 123, Philippines, was leading in points when he butted Mario Manrique, 124, Mexico, in the 7th. Manrique was unable to continue and the fight was declared a technical draw.

ELLIOTT FROM DUBLIN, JERSEY'S NEW KO STAR

By RONNIE (BURNS) BOUSE

North Bergen, N.J. — Chris Elliott, who came to this country from Dublin, Ireland, as a hot-shot amateur champ and in pro fights on American soil, has become a valuable hunk of property, treated his followers to another KO when he won his 12th in a row over the Dominican light heavy Jose Anglada.

The 1st heat sat the Inshman move right out and display a left jab along with crisp combinations that punctuated the round by dropping his foe right out of the ring. The spectators dusted him off and he jumped backed into the ring and the round ended.

The 2nd saw the Dublin-born 170-pounder go right after Anglada and midway in the round again drop the Dominican native with a left hook. Upon arising he was tagged with a hard right which spilled him thru the ropes on the ring apron. He was saved by the bell.

The 3rd saw Anglada throw some big rights only to get tagged again with a bombshell left hook. then ref Paul Venti stopped the fight.

The crowd saw the junior middle Eddie Parks of Paterson punch the billed New England middleweight champ Paul Osborne all over the ring for 5 rounds. Ref Ron Burns would not allow Osborne to start the sixth due to a few bad cuts on the face.

In the prelims. Bayonne's Larry Giello. 157. won a close one over Dennis Morgan. 160. N.Y.C., in a sixer. Another light heavy bout saw favorite Ramon Ranquello. Mexio. get stopped by Jersey City's Eddie Mallard in the first. John Sullivan. Kearny. 133. won on a TKO in the 5th over New York's Ruben Gonzalez due to an eye cut.

Ray Puluse. 131. Paterson. won an easy duke over New Yorker Oveveo Cuevas. 131.

EVERETT BLINDS KIM IN EXIT IN SIXTH AND GETS CALLED IN IT

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — Spectacular southpaw Tyrone Everett continued his remarkable victory run with a sixth-round TKO over outclassed Hyun Chi Kim at the Spectrum. The mismatch attracted a large crowd of more than 8,000 and moved Everett one step closer to a world title fight.

Kim, who suffered his only other loss in 25 bouts to world champ Ben Villaflore, was never in the fight. He pressed forward for most of the first five rounds but could never get close enough to the South Philly speedster to do any damage.

Everett, always in control, picked away at Kim's left eye with an assortment of snappy right jabs and uppercuts. The eye got progressively worse and by the end of the fifth round was closed and dripping gore.

The South Korean was very reluctant to come out for the next round but his handlers pushed him forward anyway. Everett, 130, knew the fight was all but over and took the offensive for the first time.

The Philadelphian took dead aim on the injured eye and sent home a series of rapid right handers. Kim, 129½, turned pleadingly to his corner and they obliged by tossing a towel into the ring. Referee Pete Tomasco then took the initiative and stopped the bout at 1:25 of the sixth round.

Despite winning his twenty-seventh stright match Everett drew criticism from some members of the press for needlessly taunting his half blind opponent during the finishing flurry.

This correspondent has to agree with Jack McKinney of the Philadelphia Daily News who wrote, "Tyrone Everett still leaves the distinct impression that he is a front runner whose courage is directly related to his recognition of his opponents ineptness."

In the slam-bang semi final scheduled for ten rounds, local favorite Perry "Li'l" Abner disposed of Raul Aguirre in the opening frame.

The Mexican import came to fight and tagged Abner with a hard right hand in the early moments. Abner, 155, recovered quickly and decked Aguirre, 152, with a right of his own. Aguirre beat the count but was dropped two more times for an automatic TKO at 2:20 of the first. Abner's destructive left hook accounted for the second and third dumpings.

North Philly's Baby Kid Chocolate, 119, ran his unbeaten streak to eleven with a fourth-round stoppage of Texan Baby Perez, 122. A sweeping left hook to the jaw finished the game Perez in 0:18 of the round.

Referee Joe Salci prematurely called a halt to the exciting welterweight brawl between Youngblood Williams and James Phoenix. Although behind on points, Phoenix was giving Youngblood a good run for his money and deserved the opportunity of finishing the scheduled six-rounder that was in the last frame when Salci made his move.

Matthew Franklin, 173, making his first start since having scar tissue surgically removed, halted Roosevelt Brown, 180, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Big Jimmy Hayes, 237½, upset C. J. Bar Brown, 201, with a first-round TKO. Brown went down from what appeared to be a half punch, half push and hit his head hard on the boards. The bout should have been stopped then but referee Jack Fitzpatrick let the dazed Brown continue. A few more shots from Hayes and it was all over.

Billy "The Kid" Able, 127, opened the show with a fourth-round TKO over Sonny Jones who put up a good fight despite a nine and one half pound weight disadvantage.

GRIFFITH UPSET IN JOBURG BY TAP TAP MAKHATHINI

By ED CLARK

Johannesburg, South Africa — Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini thrilled the 7,000 crowd at the Orlando Stadium by defeating former five times world champion Emile Griffith (U.S.A.) on points in 10 gruelling rounds.

No knockdowns but in the 10th the Stanger southpaw turned on the pressure sending Griffith back but "Tap Tap" lacked a hard punch to put Griffith down.

It was age the 37 year old Griffith had that wore him down but at all stages of the bout he was dangerous in infighting. Makhathini switched to long range from the seventh and moved ahead to gain a clear win. Makhathini has an awkward style and he confused matters for Griffith by switching from southpaw to orthodox.

Griffith however clearly won the third and fifth thru vicious body punching and aggression but could not down the tough Zulu fighter. A left hook to Griffith's head in the fourth shook the visitor and as the fight progressed "Tap Tap" improved.

Makhathini was not overawed by Griffith's reputation but swept into the attack from the opening bell using his height to advantage.

Gil Clancy, Griffith's trainer, said that with Makhathini's tactics of crowding his man and punch would be a worthy opponent for Carlos Monzon.

Joe Ngidi, Jr. won the S. African flyweight title by TKO'ing William Molatudi in the eighth round.

Anthony Morodi, seasoned veteran decisioned Moses Mthembu, 6, lightweights.

▲**Springs** — Gordon Goba retained his junior middleweight title at the Kwa Thema Civic Center celearly beating Joseph Hali on points over 12 rounds. Hali at no stage looked a threat to Goba's title and won only about three of the 12 rounds. Hali slipped in the third retreating from Goba who was hammering him with lefts and rights.

Hali had a good defense or else he would have been put away. Hali's best round was the sixth when he rocked Goba with a series of lefts and in the eighth he scored well but his blows lacked power. Goba was having an off night but had too much knowhow for Hali.

Welter champ Maurice Mohloai came in a division lower and outscored Jeremiah Nzelwane on points over six rounds. It was a split decision and not well received by the crowd.

Ben Lekalake TKO'ed Paulos Twala, 2, junior lightweights; Daniel Maphanya TKO'ed Johannes Dladla, 2, middleweights; Timothy Lerefolo TKO'ed John Lukluleni, 3, welters; George Selebe TKO'ed David Kgtsane, 2, welter.

▲**Durban** — Gerardo Ferratt from Mexico put a spanner in the works of S.A. lightweight champion Andries Steyn at the City Hall by forcing Steyn to retire and not come out for the eighth round of a scheduled 10 round bout. Steyn, at the end of the seventh, had a cut on the bridge of his nose, a bad cut on the lip and his left eye badly swollen and cut.

Ferratt turned in a workmanlike display against a jaded Steyn who was colorless. Ferratt got in two left jabs in the first and soon after another left dropped Steyn. He rose immediately and took the mandatory count on his feet.

A quiet second round followed and in the third the Mexican switched his attack from head to body against a taut Steyn who boxed below form. However in the fourth Steyn responded well by getting thru the Mexican's defense with a left jab and right cross. In the fifth using a straight left and long punishing rights Ferratt found the range and Steyn's left eye was cut. The cut on the nose opened in the sixth and the speedy Ferratt was in command.

The seventh was the round in which Ferratt moved to the attack scoring well with combinations. A wicked right split the S. African's lip and the blood flowed. Steyn did not come out for the eighth and Ferratt was given a great ovation.

In a rousing six round bout with no quarter asked or given Kokkie Olivier shaded Andre Nel. It was a thrilling brawl with a "needle" element but had the crowd cheering. Olivier's tactics were to bore in low and Nel responded in return but the fight was ably handled by referee Peter Conrad.

Errol Heath lost to Eddie Scott, 6, light heavyweights; Johnny Sham outscored Neil Lang, 6, welters.

▲**Durban** — Robbie Kleynhans KO'ed Brian Heath, 2, middleweights; Theunis Pretorious outpointed Pierre de Beer, 4, middleweights.

▲**Johannesburg** — Results from tournament at Uncle Tom's Hall, Orlando West. Peter Mathebula TKO'ed William Matlokotsi, 4, flyweights; Victor Ntloko and Gordon Goba, draw, 8, middleweights; Paulus Twala decisioned Derrick Phetoe, 8, featherweights; Shepherd Kiviet outscored Koos Slaffa, 4, featherweights; Howard Motumi decisioned Charles Boias, 4, featherweights.

▲**Johannesburg** — Uncle Tom's Hall, Orlando West: Fred Baker decisioned Joseph Tsotetsi, 8, feathers; Richard Modise outscored Johannes Sithebe, 6, bantams; Mckeed Mofokeng won over Norman Hlabane, 6, welters; Thusa Mapela likewise over George Selebi, 6, welters; Evans Gwiji outpointed Jacob Hlanyane, 6, feathers.

JOHNSON OVER McGHEE IN EIGHT AT TOLEDO

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Toledo, Ohio — Vonsel Johnson, 174, Columbus, won an 8-rd. decision from George McGhee, 172, Toledo. Gary Alexander, 163, Alliance, KO'ed Pancho Ortiz, 171, Monterrey, Mexico, at 2.23 of round two. Verbie Garland, 195, Toledo, won 6-round decision over Tommy Prater, 200, Indianapolis. Greg Augustine, 126, Girard, Ohio, won unanimous 6-round decision from Johnny Alexander, 124, Alliance. Howard Hawthorne, 147, Toledo, won 4-round decision from Ronnie Pettigrew, 144, Cleveland. Willie Wren, 148, Toledo, KO'ed Willie Williams, 143, Cleveland, in the 3rd round.

▲**Hamilton, Ohio** — Harold Carter, 176, Cleveland, KO'ed Lou Rogan, 200, Cable, Ohio, at 2.14 of round nine. Larry Moore, 135, Charleston, W. Va., KO'ed Joe Hrbcha, 138 Cleveland, at 1.21 of round two. Frank Schram, 198, Columbus, KO'ed Reggie Flemming, 196, Cleveland, in the 3rd round.

MARTINEZ SENDS TARAZON TO SHOWERS IN NINTH

By ALAN ASKEW

Topeka, Kan. — Boxing fans learned why The Ring rates James Martinez one of the top bantamweights in the country.

Martinez, who has extremely quick hands, displayed punching power in stopping Manuel Kid Tarazon in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Tarazon, a rough veteran from Albuquerque, tried to mix it up with Martinez, but just lacked the speed to take the play away from his Dallas foe.

Tarazon did manage to get in a mighty butt, but it was behind Martinez' ear and did not bother but infuriated him.

Martinez stepped up the tempo in the seventh and eighth rounds, cutting Tarazon under his right eye with constant left jabs and combinations.

In the ninth, Martinez switched to the body and landed a perfect one-two to drop Tarazon, writhing in pain. Referee Jack Patterson counted him out. Martinez' final blow was a right to the solar plexus.

"I am ready for bigger game," Martinez said after the kayo. "I'm ready to crack the top 10 world rankings now. Tarazon was a tough foe, but I'm ready to move up in class."

Martinez, who won two national Golden Gloves titles, upped his record to 19-1. His only loss came against Carlos Zarate, a world ranked bantam from Mexico.

Martinez remained in the Exposition Hall ring more than 30 minutes after the win signing autographs and answering questions from Topeka boxing fans. He is very popular in the Kansas capital and could be a big drawing card. Last month Martinez punched out a unanimous 10-round decision over Billy Miller in Topeka.

In the scheduled five-round semifinal, Tony Chiaverini made his debut by knocking out Dallas middleweight Charles Cook in the second round. Chiaverini, who played football at Washburn University in Topeka, knocked Cook down in the first with a powerful body shot. In the second, Chiaverini landed a right to Cook's chin to floor him again. Referee Bobby Spaeth then called a halt to the proceedings.

Cook, who whipped Mike Hallacy last month, could not stay in with the hard-punching Chiaverini. Cook, who calls himself the Baby Bull, tried to stare down Chiaverini before the bout, but the tactic backfired.

In a four-round slugfest, Jesse Martinez, James' twin, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous decision over lightweight Mike Wilson of Lincoln, Neb. Jesse lost the first round, but finished stronger to take the decision. Wilson, however, was game and was still firing back at the finish. The crowd gave the two a standing ovation.

ANTUOFERMO FORCED TO FIGHT AS HE WINS OVER CURTO

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Las Vegas, Nev. — Before a cheering and highly excited crowd, Vito Antuofermo, 160, Brooklyn, took a unanimous decision over Vinnie Curto, 160, Miami.

The middleweight contest was the main event in the third of the newly-instituted boxing events held at the Tropicana Hotel. The weekly bouts, televised across the country by TVS, with Las Vegas blacked out, are sponsored by Madison Square Garden, Inc. in association with Mel Greb.

The action-packed bout saw even scoring for the first two rounds. Antuofermo won the third and fourth rounds as he forced Curto back with left jabs and combination rights to the head.

Curto turned aggressor in the fifth and sixth rounds—landing solid lefts and rights to Antuofermo's head.

Curto's finest round was the 10th—as he landed a hard left that opened a two-inch gash on Antuofermo's head.

Curto failed to press his advantage in each of his winning rounds. . .thus giving Antuofermo the edge in a close and hard-won ten round fight.

Marty Monroe, 196, heavyweight from Los Angeles, knocked out Melvin Rush, 192, of Los Angeles at 2 minutes, 27 seconds of the 5th round. Monroe led all the way in the scheduled six-rounder, knocking Rush down once in the first round. . .and staying on top of his opponent all the way until the knockout.

A six-round junior welterweight prelim saw Louis O'Campo of Guadalajara take a unanimous decision over Jose Enfanta of Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, the Nevada State Athletic Commission announced plans for a heavyweight fight between former champion George Foreman and Pedro Lovell—to be held in September at the L.V. Convention Center.

STANDER COMES BACK TO LIFE, STOPS SCOTT IN 2

By TOM RAY

OKLAHOMA CITY — Heavyweight Ron Stander punched his way back into active competition with a second round TKO over Bruce Scott of Dallas, at the Red Carpet Inn.

Stander decked the Dallas veteran three times in the first round and twice in the second before referee James Williamson stopped the fight between the second and third rounds.

While the mess was one-sided, it showed that the rugged Omaha heavyweight has regained the punch and ferocity that many felt he lost after his fifth round TKO loss to then world champ Joe Frazier in 1972.

Stander, whose contract was recently purchased for $5,000 by sportsman Bill Cooley, says he is ready to face any of the top contenders and gain a second shot at the title.

Some may brush this off as a pipe dream, but with a new manager that shares his fighter's confidence and with Ronnie's still undeveloped talents, who knows? After all, who was Jack Dempsey before Doc Kearns came along?

In the ten round semi, bantamweight Sean O'Grady stopped John Martin of Oklahoma City, in one. In a four round featherweight clash, Rocky Smith of Midwest City stopped Memphis' Clint Tearse in two.

In two other four rounders, Joe Parsons of Midwest City decisioned Wayne Lewis of Oklahoma City in a middleweight clash and in Jr. Welterweight action, Harvey Arnold of Dallas won on a split over Simmie Black of Memphis.

▲Two weeks earlier at the Red Carpet Inn, Oklahoma City's fast rising bantamweight star, Sean O'Grady, punched his way to a unanimous ten round decision over Mexican Ramon Campos of San Antonio.

O'Grady, who did everything to Campos except knock him out, won a complete shut-out on this reporter's card.

Campos, who lost a six round decision to O'Grady last month, found himself confronted with the same dilemma. When he tried to out-box Sean, he was out-generalized and when he tried to slug it out, he was out-punched.

However, the youthful Mexican will long be remembered by city fans for his gameness and durability against one of the finest prospects in the Southwest.

In a six-round featherweight duel, Rocky Smith of Midwest City won a unanimous decision over veteran Ramiro Reyna of Mexico.

Two Curtis Cokes proteges came away with wins in the two four round preliminary contests. In a middleweight "war", "Fancy Dan" Ray Phillips out boxed Joe Parsons of Midwest City to win a unanimous decision and in a wild heavyweight free for all, Bruce Grandham of Dallas knocked out Beaumont's Verne Johnston in three.

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COPELAND STOPS BUSCEME IN EIGHTH AS BOXING RETURNS TO LAKE CHARLES

By HARLAN HAAS

Lake Charles, Louisiana — Professional boxing returned at the beautiful Civic Center located on the shore of Lake Charles—a real eye-opener of a place. It seats 7,500.

Promoter Lloyd Jones first offering featured James (Bubba) Busceme of Beaumont, Texas and veteran John Copeland of Joplin, Missouri. A crowd of 3,000 (about 2,200 paying $5, $7.50, and $10 to the tune of $15,000) saw a rollicking, action packed card.

The well traveled Copeland came from behind to stop Busceme in the eighth round. Copeland copped the first round that saw Busceme dancing about and Copeland slowly dogging his trail. Then a short right hook bloodied Copeland's nose and deposited him on the seat of his pants for a three count mid-way of the second round.

However, the writer had warned several that Copeland was a dangerous foe—a spoiler in the fight man's lingo. Even though Copeland lost the second round he did land several sneaky rights that must have made Bubba realize he wasn't in with a turkey. Mike Everett of Philly could have issued a forewarning. Bubba moved gracefully about the ring and although he was catching some stiff Copeland punches he was landing some solid right hooks and jabs and crossing with the left enough to control the third, fourth and fifth rounds. The complexion of the fight began to change in the sixth.

Copeland began to shrink the ring. In other words Bubba seemed to always be hemmed up in a corner—the center of the ring no longer belonged to him. Bubba was dropped for a nine count in the sixth by a wicked right to the jaw. Then, Copeland didn't hear the bell and continued to wallop a groggy Busceme. An irate fan rushed up to the ring and threw a can of beer hitting Copeland in the chest right after Referee Floyd East had pulled Copeland away.

Busceme took a real beating in the seventh, and was helpless against the ropes with Copeland pounding him unmercifully with both hands when the ref gave Bubba a standing eight count. Bubba weathered the round somehow. With Copeland nailing Busceme repeatedly with both hands to the head. It was obvious that only gameness was keeping the four-time national amateur champion and U.S. Olympic rep on his feet and Referee East intervened. The crowd gathered around the ring and the writer heard Copeland tell the crowd, "I'm sorry it happened like this, what can I say."

Irish Johnny showed a little compassion for his young adversary that he'd just beaten into submission. Somehow, it made the writer feel good to hear a winner of a brutal battle speak out in this manner. I know that Copeland was truly glad that he had won the fight, but yet he knew what it must have been like for the Busceme boosters and for Bubba suffering the first loss in his promising young career.

Through the seventh the writer had Bubba ahead in rounds 4 to 3 and had the point total 66-66. Copeland seemed much bigger at 135½ than Bubba who weighed in at an announced 132.

Ray Phillips, 158, Mineral Wells, Texas, won a hard-fought eight-round contest from left hooking Charles Cook, 157, Dallas. Phillips, this year's National Golden Glove middleweight champion, was making his pro debut and though in good shape was tense throughout the bout. Cook was dropped for nine in the sixth, but hung in there tough all the way.

Robert Turner, 139, Wichita Falls, Texas (he had some fights in California and Nevada), had his hands full with experienced Eddie Mitchell, 145, Beaumont Texas, for four rounds but a good left hand and combination punching earned Turner the unanimous six-round decision.

In a riot of a six rounder Harvey Arnold, 140, Dallas, decked Tom Pinner, 139, Newton, Texas, on three occasions to win a donneybrook of a battle. Pinner, who wears a leg brace to protect a football injured knee, landed often enough but his punches lack the power of Arnold's.

However, afterwards you couldn't tell who packed the hardest wallop as Arnold's right eye was cut and swollen almost shut and he had a cut above the left eye, too. In a walkout bout ancient Whistlin' Willie Watson, 140, Houston (ye gad, where ya been all these years Willie) came out of retirement to get kayoed in one round by 20-year-old Dennis Haggerty, 142, Dallas. Willie tried, but Haggerty whacks pretty good and before you could say Joe Courrege (Haggerty's manager) Watson was down and out.

Fight people at ringside included promoters Malcolm Faber and Lou Messina from New Orleans, Patti Payne from Beaumont, boxing commish Emile Bruneau from New Orleans, fight men Doc Deneaux, Robert Bish, Al "Potato Pie" Boulden, and the writer all drove in from Houston some 155 miles away, plus Houston fighters Johnny Baldwin, Johnny Boudreaux, Texas welter king and top junior middleweight Frank "Little Smokey" Young along with his wife Mary. Robbie Robinson, Deputy Commissioner for the Louisiana State Athletic Commission presided at ringside.

Odds and Ends:

Jerry Kornele, Galena Park's "Fighting Leprochaun," carries a 13-2-1 pro record and this young featherweight is moving ahead. The writer has always been extremely high on this little slugger who had a lot of hustle and bustle. He walks right out and dares you to hook it on. By the end of the year the writer predicts this rugged warrior will be one of the hottest fighters going.

Charlie Small, Walt Hailey's good middleweight, dropped a split decision to Roy Dale in Cincinnati with Hailey coming back to Houston emphatic in his belief that Small was the rightful winner. Since the loss Small pounded out a 10-round decision over Lester Davis in a Mobile main go. Small is the Texas fighter who turned pro in London and had something like 18 pro fights in Europe before moving back to Texas. . .By the time this appears in print Galveston, Texas will swing open its doors to pro boxing at the Moody Center situated on the shore of the Gulf of Mexico. Their first offering pits Charlie Small against Willie Warren.

Cookie Wallace dropped a heartbreaker of a 10-rounder to Rodney Bobick in Minneapolis in a fight that Cookie thought he had won all the way. Wallace received a standing ovation for his efforts. The rugged 208-pounder is playing semi-pro football with the Dallas Ferris Wheels as a fullback when not fighting. Cookie who stopped Scott Ledoux in two rounds (the only loss on Ledoux's record) at St. Paul earlier this year is in big demand by promoters these days all over the country.

Lee Canolito scored a three-round kayo over Richard Pettigrew's All Navy heavy Champ Ike Harris at Shreveport in a National AAU tournament. Canolito broke his right hand in scoring the kayo. His next opponent would've been Marvin Stinson who lost to Mike Dokes.

ARGENTINE WELTER GONZALEZ UNBEATEN, TAKES MIRANDA

By SIMON BRONENBERG and ALFREDO PORZIO

▲**Charata:** In the light class Ricardo Moreno won Sebastian Mosquera on points in 10 rounds. —

▲*Rio Cuarto:* In the welter class undefeated Daniel Gonzalez whipped Mario "Hammer" Miranda in 10 — 26 millons receipts. —

▲*Cordoba:* In the middle class Hugo Saavedra beat Argentine champion Antonio Aguilar in 10. — Non-title bout. —

▲**Parana:** Ivan Rojas (light heavy) kayoed Estelio Franco in third round. — In middle class Norberto Cabrera beat Miguel Duro by a TKO in six. —

▲**Villa Maria:** Lightweight Rafael Zalazar outpointed Gregorio Villavicencio in 10. —

▲**Rio Turbio:** Welter Hugo Salega whipped Julio Paletta in 10. —

▲**Resistencia:** Argentine bantam champion Benicio Sosa beat Facundo Villalba in 10. — Non-title bout. —

▲**San Luis:** In the middle division Cesar Duarte and Juan Vega drew in 10. —

▲**San Salvador Jujuy:** In the middle Jr. class Orlando Miranda beat Eliseo Miranda by a TKO in eight. —

▲**San Juan:** In the feather class Juan Reyes whipped Oscar Barrios in 10. —

▲**Salta:** Undefeated in welter Jr. division Ceferino Morales beat Francisco Fernandez in 10; Jacinto Fernandes (Middle) won from Armando Vicente in 10 and in the welter class undefeated and hard puncher Juan J. Merlo beat Juan C. Galvan by a TKO in four. —

▲**Tandil:** In the welter class Juan J. Gimenez (brother of Carlos Gimenez Argentine champion in this weight) won Miguel A. Coria in 10 and in the same weight Juan D. Peralta beat Carlos Cejas in 10 rounds to —

▲**Carmen de Patagones:** In the light heavy class Raul Loyola and Guillermo Aguirrezabala drew in 10 rounds. —

▲**Centenario:** In the feather division Adalberto Gutierrez and Juan Inostroza drew in 10. —

▲**San Juan:** In the light class Miguel A. Alaniz beat Juan Acosta by disqualification in six. —

▲**Venado Tuerto:** Argentine light heavy champion Miguel A. Cuello kayoed Roberto Aguilar in third round. — Cuello retained his crown. —

▲**Cipoletti:** In the middle class hard puncher and undefeated Camilo Gaitan kayoed Juan "Yani" Garcia in nine. —

▲**Huinca Renanco:** In the bantam class Hugo Emer kayoed Roberto Urretaviscaya in six rounds. —

▲**Bariloche:** In the fly class undefeated Rodolfo Rodriguez beat Hector Velasquez, from Chile in 10 and in the feather class Arnoldo Aguero beat Aurelio Montenegro in 10. —

▲**Villa Mercedes:** In the junior middle class Argentine champion Esteban Osuna and Hugo Obregon, drew in 10. — Non-title bout. —

▲**Villaguay:** In the light heavy class Juan Cardozo beat Octavio Escauriza in 9 by a medical decision. —

▲**Resistencia:** Ruben Gonzalez beat Miguel Tosto in 10. — They are heavies. —

▲**Cordoba:** In the bantam class Julio Saba outpointed Carlos Cordoba in 10. —

▲**Mendoza:** In the middle class Hugo Corro beat Nolberto Fleitas by a TKO in the fourth and in the bantam class Ricardo Alvarez won Luis Cortez by a TKO too, in eight rounds. —

▲**Gualeguay:** In the feather division Juan J. Noguera beat Carlos Portillo in 10 rounds. —

▲**Tres Arroyos:** In the feather division Julio Alegre beat Santos Lazarte in 10. —

▲**Cordoba:** In the light class Jose Funes kayoed Alberto Rodriguez in the fourth, in the junior light class Julio C. Andreada beat Lorenzo Noriega by a TKO in 4, and undefeated Raul Porcel de Peralta (junior middle) kayoed Ernesto Pizarro in the second round. —

▲**Salta:** In the middle class Segundo Paiz beat Hugo Trujillo by disqualification in the third round and in fly class Jose Flores and Uruguay fly champion drew in 10. —

▲**Villa Regina:** In the feathers class Jose L. Valdez whipped Ruben Ramirez by a TKO in six. —

▲**Formosa:** In the bantam class Angel Zalazar beat Manuel Munoz by a TKO in nine rounds. —

▲**Corrientes:** In the welter class Epifanio Pavon and Eduatdo Galvan drew in 10 rounds. —

▲**Santa Rosa:** Walter Gomez beat Omar Zarza by a TKO in fourth. — They are welters. —

▲**Buenos Aires:** At the Luna Park ring Argentine welter champion Miguel A. Campanino beat Mario Guilloti in 12 and retained his crown. —

▲**Villa Constitucion:** In the welter class Hugo Ibarra and Rene Campos drew in 10 rounds. —

▲**Buenos Aires:** At the Luna Park ring, ex-Argentine bantam champion Jose Casas, now in the feather division drew with Carlos Martinetti, a good prospect.

OBED'S BODY ATTACK IS TOO MUCH FOR WELLS

By HANK KAPLAN

Miami Beach, Florida — At the new Miami Beach Convention Hall, Elisha Obed, 156½, Nassau, continued his quest of the junior middleweight title as he employed a body attack to down the elusive Gene Wells, 160, Mobile, midway in the fifth round.

Obed began to press Wells from the opening bell with his left jab the most accurate weapon. The moving Wells made a difficult target for most of the contest.

In the fifth round, Obed caught Wells with a grazing right hand and soon after caught him with a good left hook to the mid-section. Wells sunk to the canvas in pain. The body shot was lethal and Wells could not beat the ten count giving Obed another win. Prior to this fight, Wells claimed he had never been decked before.

Fighting the first scheduled ten rounder in his career, young Juan Hidalgo, 135, Santo Domingo, D. R., bolted a right to the belly of Amado Pinet, 138¼, San Juan, P. R., in the second round to stow away the invader for his ninth consecutive victory without a loss.

In a six rounder, newcomer Quebracho Rodriguez, 202½, Buenos Aires, and Eddie Turner, 183½, Orlando, Florida, fought to a draw in a rough heavyweight duel.

A second six rounder found Jose "Speedy" Gonzales, 131, Miami, in a winning effort against Raphael Nicasio, 129½, Santo Domingo, D. R. The undefeated Gonzales took a unanimous decision in a spirited battle.

In a bout scheduled for 4 rounds! Lou Esa, 258¼, former Wayne, New Jersey college football player and latest entry of The Mendoza Group, used a left hook to do the damage as he knocked out James Edards, 200, Miami, in the first round.

In another four rounder, Anthony Aspras, 159, Fort Lauderdale, knocked out Louis Smallwood, 158, Phila., Pa. in the second round of a wild fray.

Over 2,000 fans were registered at the Chris Dundee promotion.

▲In perhaps the finest amateur tournament ever held in the City of Miami, sponsored by the City of Miami and "Coconut Grove Cares", the North American Games Boxing Tournament held at the Miami Marine Stadium was another step in a recent series of top line amateur activity held in this city. Director Dick Lee and his staff may well be proud of the organization they have welded in recent years.

The finals of the three day tourney yielded the following North American titlists:

In the light flyweight division, Dennis Francisco-Lizano of Costa Rica, decisioned Nestor Obregon of Nicaragua.

In the flyweight division, Ian Clyde of Canada TKO'ed Jose Morales of Guatemala in round one.

The bantamweight division produced champion Derrick Holmes of the U. S. as he posted a decision over Jorge Prendas of Costa Rica.

Olympian Davey Armstrong captured the featherweight tile for the U.S. as he outscored Chris Clark of Canada.

Miamian Ritchie Lee Roberts lost his chance at lightweight laurels in dropping a decision to Cleveland Denny of Canada.

In the light-welterweight division, highly touted Ray Leanard of the U. S. took the title by stopping Michel Briere, of Canada, in round two.

Welterweight Clinton Jackson, U. S., became the new champ by halting Michael McCallum of Jamaica in the first round.

Hampered by a foot blister, Chuck Walker of the U. S. made it close but beat Michael Provost of Canada for the light-middleweight title.

Tommy Brooks of the U. S. won his championship with an impressive first round TKO over Nathaniel Knowles of the Bahamas in the first round.

Bryan Gibson of Canada took the light-heavyweight crown as he outpointed Earnest Barr of the Bahamas.

Michael Dokes, U. S. heavyweight, won his crown with a first round TKO over Gilbert Acuna of Costa Rica.

▲In one of the best action cards of this year, Promoter Chris Dundee put on companion ten rounders featuring local attractions who rarely fail in their attempt to excite the fans.

In the most important feature, Nani Marrero, 138¼, Santo Domingo, D. R., put pressure on aging Angel Robinson Garcia, 139, Miami phenom, formerly of Cuba, and gained a unanimous decision at the Miami Beach Convention Hall.

A veteran of 21 years in the ring, Garcia used all the skill at his disposal including the advice of Angelo Dundee in his corner but found the handicap of age too much to overcome. Marrero never stopped throwing punches and found his target often enough to win. Very much in the fight, Garcia stayed on an even basis with his younger opponent but the last three rounds put Marrero in a comfortable position at the end.

In the scheduled companion ten rounder, oncoming Juan Hidalgo, 135, Santo Domingo, halted Jose Alonzo, 139½, San Juan, P. R. to score his tenth successive win. Alonzo used some of the most eccentric methods seen in these parts during his losing effort.

He was warned on numerous occasions by referee Cy Gottfried for spitting, butting, holding and feigning kicks. Though he appeared to have some ability but his tactics proved distasteful to the fans. Juan Hidalgo settled it all by pouring on the leather in round five to force the referee's halting action.

In one of the best bouts of the evening, visiting Eddie Neilson, 203½, Swindon, England, with Mickey Duff in his corner, overcame the effects of a first round knockdown to heavily outscore John L. Johnson, 203¼, Tampa after 8 rounds of hard fighting. Neilson, a two fisted puncher, returned the favor by putting Johnson on the deck in the third round and gained the unanimous vote of the judges. There was no doubt of the hit Neilson made before the crowded arena of fans.

In a scheduled six rounder, Lou Esa, 256¼, Wayne, New Jersey, won his second pro engagement with a first round knockout over Clarence Morris, 212, of St. Petersburg.

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KNOCKOUTS GALORE AS PUNCHERS HIT HOT PACE IN PANAMA PERFORMANCES

By ALBERTO M. MONTILLA

Panama, R.P. — Only 23 rounds were given the fans recently by the fighters who participated in a scheduled 44-round five-bout card presented by Tony Promotions, as four of the bouts ended by knockouts at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum.

In the scheduled 10-round main event, ranking WBA flyweight challenger Alfonso (Small-tractor) Lopez, 112, stretched his unbeaten streak to 21 victories by scoring a 3:05 second round KO over Hilde Roche, 110¾, flyweight champion of Nicaragua.

A flurry of combinations to the head and body, followed with a short right to the chin a few seconds before the bell to end the second round, sent the loser to the canvas. With the count halfway by referee Roberto (Mango) Lopez, Roche tried to get on his feet but fell back on his buttocks while being counted out at five seconds after the bell.

The semifinal 10-rounder resulted in a lopsided affair for Jaime (Spitfire) Rios, 106, the WBA No. 1 junior flyweight. Rios pummeled Dominican Juan Disla, 108, for four rounds. Then, in the fifth, he swarmed over his opponent with punches from all angles until referee Salomon Allen halted the attack and awarded him a TKO victory at 2:40 of the fifth round. It was Rios' 9th KO in 15 wins against one loss and one draw in 17 bouts. Disla suffered his fourth loss in 16 contests. He has 12 victories by decision.

Local bantamweight champion and 3rd-ranking WBA challenger, Gilberto Illueca, 117½, won by a unanimous decision over Emilio Hernandez, 118, of Dominican Republic in a 10-round match. This was the only bout that went the limit. Illueca suffered a slight cut above his right eye in the fourth. He also fought with an injured right hand from the fourth round.

It was Illueca's 24th victory in 28 fights. Hernandez lost for the third time in 14 outings. He has 10 wins and a draw.

The other 10-rounder ended with a 2:10 second-round TKO victory for Luis (Gavilan) Avila, 125, over Jose Lugo, 126, of Dominican Republic. Avila was administering a severe punishment to his opponent when referee Vivian Stewart stopped the one-sided match. Avila, who came out of several months of inactivity due to injuries suffered on both hands, is unbeaten in 12 professional fights. Lugo's loss was the No. 5 in 15 bouts.

He has 8 wins by decisions and two draws.

Former Golden Gloves champion, Benjamin Rodriguez, 110, made a successful debut in pro ranks by knocking out Gabriel Ortega, 112, in 2:30 of the 4th and final round of the preliminary encounter.

▲**Panama, R.P.** — Venezuelan Rigoberto Marcano, 107½, moved up a peg into the No. 2 spot which gives him the right to dispute the World Boxing Association newly created 108-pound junior flyweight division title, after scoring a split-decision victory over Nicaraguan John Cajina, 105, in a 12-round elimination bloody battle on Saturday, June 21 at the Nuevo Panama coliseum.

It was the feature of a five-bout card that resulted to the satisfaction of the fair-size crowd on hand. But the gate of $29,327 was a financial flop as it was far below estimates by promoter Jesus Gomez, who suffered a loss of 12,000 dollars.

The contest got under way with a slow outset for about a minute in the first round. But after an exchange of jabs, both men started swapping hard punches and quickly Marcano was floored by a hard right to the jaw. He was up immediately to take the mandatory 8-count. As action resumed, they continued where they left off and Marcano, who seemed to be a stronger puncher, caught Cajina flush on the jaw with a right that sent him to the deck. After the count, they exchanged lefts and rights to the bell.

At the start of the second, both fighters, determined to get things over as quick as possible, rushed from their corners, met in mid-ring, and went into a violent exchange of punches that had the fans on their feet until the bell ended it with Marcano coming out bleeding from a cut below his right eye.

The Venezuelan continued his assault in the eighth as he decked his opponent for the second time in the match. After the count, Cajina was in bad shape as Marcano tottered him twice with sharp rights to the head, but the Nicaraguan was able to unravel himself of the attack and end the round on his feet.

Cajina, a game little fighter, gain his second wind in the ninth and made good by pummeling the Venezuelan mostly to the head to take the round. Marcano landed the most effective punches to take the tenth and eleventh rounds. However, referee Isaac Herrera halted the bout momentarily in the 11th and warned both fighters for the second time in the fight for butting. The first warning came in the sixth. There wasn't much action in the twelfth and final round as both men ran out of steam.

In the semifinal 10-rounder, former junior welterweight champion, Alfonso Frazer scored a unanimous decision over Rudy Barro of the Philippines.

▲**Panama, R.P.** — Eusebio Pedroza, 120, entered with the odds against him, and surprised the crowd by knocking out Marcos Britton, 122½, at 2:46 in the 4th of a scheduled 10-round main go on Sat. April 26 at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum.

It was an easy win for Pedroza as he danced, boxed and punched his victim at will.

In the semifinal event, Emilo Salcedo, 125½, scored a first-round KO over Norberto Reyes, 124½ pounds. The knockout came in one minute of the round after Salcedo landed a fast left-and-right combination to Reyes' chin.

Rigoberto Garibaldi, 130, decisioned Hidekee Steward, 129¼, in four. David Moran, 115¼, scored a 1st-round KO over Gabriel Ortega, 114¾ pounds.

Rafael Pedroza, 113¼, registered a 2:48 KO over Adriano Mendez, 119¾, in the first round of the curtain-raiser.

▲**San Miguelito, R.P.** — Rigoberto Riasco victimized Raul Silva of Costa Rica, in 1:10 of the 10th and last round in the main event at the Orlando Wynter gym.

Riasco boxed rings around the Costa Rican fighter for nine rounds. A few seconds after the bell to start the final round, one of his cornermen shouted: "Cut him down now," and Riasco assaulted his opponent with left and right combinations until referee Vivian Stewart stepped forward and halted the punishment.

Both fighters weighed 128 pounds.

▲**Panama, R.P.** — Eusebio Pedroza, 122½, the No. 4 challenger for the WBA bantamweight title, registered a 7th-round TKO over Guillermo Almengot, 119, of Dominican Republic on Saturday, July 19 in the main bout at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum. It was a scheduled 10-rounder.

Pedroza floored the Dominican twice in the round before the referee stopped the action. Almengot was bleeding from a cut on his left eyebrow, and Pedroza from the upper lip when the contest ended.

Featherweights Emilio Salcedo and Jorge Miranda fought amidst jeers to a draw in the 10-round semifinal bout. However, when the verdict was announced over the loud speakers, a majority of fans who believed that Miranda should have been awarded the victory immediately protested the decision with boos and hoots.

WALKER QUIETS FOLEY IN EIGHTH HEAT AT PORTLAND

By DON HAMILL

Boston, Mass. — Professional boxing in New England was confined to the Pine Tree State where Sam Silverman returned to Portland and staged three shows reported here. The only boxing in Connecticut and Massachusetts was a number of amateur shows. The fall scene looks more promising.

▲**Portland** — Bobby Walker, 191, Stamford, made his Maine debut a winning one as he halted Portland's Macka Foley, 187, in the eighth round of their slated ten round bout. Foley picked up a lead in the first three rounds with a snappy left jab.

Walker's harder punching brought Foley to the canvas twice in the seventh round. Rights to the jaw connected to spill Foley who was also on the deck in the eighth round from a left hook. Another left in the ninth put him flat on his back. He arose but was in no condition to continue and Referee Pete Bennett called a halt.

Joe Houston, 154, Lowell, scored his second win over Billy Duquette, 158, Brockton, when he took a six-round split decision. Tony Lopes, 142, Brockton, kept his impressive winning way with a six round split duke over Randy Milton, 146, Bridgeport. John Harris, 160, Hartford, whipped veteran Jose (Pagon) Rivera, 154, Lowell. Three amateur bouts rounded out the card.

▲**Portland** — Bob Pompeo, 149, Portland, fighting his first main event scored an easy fifth-round knockout over Roberto Rivera, 156, Lowell. Rivera, who is also known as Eric (Pagon) Rivera, picked up an edge in the first three rounds, but quit when Pompeo's punches were starting to reach him. Rivera, unhurt and in no danger of being knocked down or out, suddenly turned his back on Pompeo and advised Referee Pete Bennett he did not want to continue. The Maine Boxing Commission rightfully gave Rivera a stiff suspension for his unsatisfactory action.

In the co-feature, Bobby Gutheridge, 137, Hartford, and Joe DeFayette, 142, Taunton, ended up all even after eight very interesting rounds. Jesse Bender, 159, New Haven, took a clear cut six-round decision over D. C. Walker, 159, Hartford. Tony Lopes, 147, Brockton, turned back veteran Jose (Pagon) Rivera, 147, Lowell, by a split decision in six heats. Two amateur bouts opened the show.

One of the most promising youngsters to turn pro recently, Donnie Nelson, Hartford lightweight, met an untimely death when he was shot down by a 16-year-old on a Hartford street. Nelson in his last ring appearance won the New England lightweight title in his 11th pro bout. He had boxed professional a year and was undefeated. He was a Golden Glove and in 1972, despite being a legitimate lightweight, competed in the welterweight class. He went to the Nationals after defeating Jackie Smith in the New England finals in Lowell. In the Nationals, held in Omaha, he went to the finals and lost a close decision to Sugar Ray Seales, who went on to win the only Gold Medal for the United States in the Olympics. Donnie had a lot of natural talent and appeared destined to greater things. His death was a terrible waste and he will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

▲**Portland** — Marvin Hagler, 159, Brockton, needed less than two minutes to score a one-round knockout over Jesse Bender, 157, New Haven. A left-right-left combination spilled Bender for the full count. The bout was scheduled for ten rounds.

In the ten round co-feature, Bob Pompeo, 148, Portland, proved that his win over Al Romano, 153, North Adams, was not a fluke, and he not only repeated the win but made it more clear cut. Pompeo took charge from the beginning and outmaneuvered the more experienced Romano, who appeared frustrated at times as his punches too frequently were wide of the mark.

In the only other pro debut, the unbeaten string of Tony Lopes, 140, Brockton, when Randy Milton, 139, Bridgeport, persisted and won a unanimous six-round decision. A pair of amateur bouts opened the show.

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NORTON AVENGES DEFEAT BY GARCIA WITH KO IN FIFTH

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It was then announced that the official decision had been changed to a draw. This did not quiet the throng as they seemed to feel that Johnson had won the fight. LeDoux is now 14-1-1 and Johnson 20-20-4.

In another scheduled ten rounder Saoul Mamby, 141, New York (14-8-4) surprised the local fans by easily stopping Chuck Wilburn, 141, Cleveland (12-5-0) in the third round. The sharp punching Mamby had Wilburn down in the first and third rounds.

In a six, Al "Sugar Daddy" Franklin of Minneapolis (33-28-2) stopped the oft beaten Sammy "Simmie" Black of Memphis in the third round.

MONACO OVER GUTHRIDGE AS ONLY 400 WATCH CARD

By CHARLES D. BROWN

The Long Island Arena, at Comonack, which is doing its best to try to take the place of the closed Felt Forum, put on a card that wasn't that bad fistically but was a financial debacle. The card received crummy advance publicity and only about 400 people showed up in an arena that can hold 3,000. But the crowd was vocal, and they appeared to enjoy what was dished out. Once it got started, that is. There was an inexcusable hour's delay in beginning the action. Crowd no like.

In the main event, ranking U.S. lightweight Domenico Monaco had himself a nice little workout against Bobby Guthridge (135½); Hartford, Connecticut. For four rounds it was a duel of jabs, with reserve displayed by both participants. At 1:06 of the fifth, Monaco unloaded without warning. Guthridge dropped like a spent Sputnik, hitting the canvas on elbows and knees and appearing to bounce into the air as he hit. Guthridge somehow got erect after 'nine,' but ref John LoBianco rightfully called it off. An impressive win over an unimpressive opponent.

In what was billed as the semi-final, Roberto Castro (195½; Costa Rica) outpointed Al Benziman (197; Jamaica) in six heats. Neither of them deserved to win, as the so-called fight stank out the place. Castro was billed as a Golden Gloves champ. Rather than gold in the gloves, Castro looked like he had lead in the pants. The only cheers this one drew was when the announcer said: "Sixth and last round."

In another sixer, popular Greek-American welterweight George Fakaris (141) seemed a bit lucky to earn the nod over Marco Larios (142½; Honduras). It was an action packed brawl, with fighting after the bell and such. Fakaris had trouble with the annoying jab of Larios, and went in for showboating as a hopeful distraction tactic. A humorous note was the figthers' mistaking the fourth-round 'ten-second warning' as the bell ending the round, resulting in some inaction. Fakaris won the last round but not the fight, although he got the split decision anyhow.

Irish Paddy Dolan, a beginning lightweight who is building up a following, breezed to a six-round verdict over sub Manuel Citrone. Dolan weighed 133 and Citrone 135. Dolan seemingly couldn't miss, even with right-hand leads. An opening round knockdown showed Citrone who was boss, from then on it was a slice of cake. Citrone hit the deck with a goofy smile on his kisser, and soon Dolan even wiped that away. Citrone perhaps had a mouth injury, for he abstained from his mouthpiece in some later rounds.

Segundo Ochoa of Ecuador (161) got a unanimous six-round verdict over green-looking Dennis Morgan (155½). Ochoa shot his bolt in the first three heats trying to kayo the kid, and decked Morgan for eight in the second. Morgan came on a little stronger after that, but he had already lost the battle.

And in the evening's most thrilling fight, two stumbling but willing heavyweights, Bill Sharkey (194) and Bob Crutison (188½; Mount Vernon, N.Y.), did their best to take each other apart, although both were exhaustion cases by the end of the third heat.

Sharkey had Crutison down for a damaging nine-count in the third, but lacked the pep to finish him off. But in the fifth, Sharkey landed some crunching uppercuts on the inside that convinced Crutison to hit the floor again. The ref stopped it immediately. Credit goes to Sharkey's corner for keeping a dangerous scalp wound closed.

SOTO AND ROSSMAN SCORE AS GARDEN INVADES VEGAS

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Las Vegas, Nev. — New excitement on the Las Vegas boxing scene arrived with the advent of weekly "Friday Night Fights"...presented by Madison Square Garden, N.Y., in association with the local Mel Greb Productions.

The nationally televised fights are staged in the main showroom of the Tropicana Hotel—and carried live on home TV across the country by Television Sports Network.

The first of the Friday epics saw a bitter, bruising and somewhat controversial 10-round battle between light heavyweights Pedro Soto, 179½, and Mike Quarry, 175.

Thirty-nine minutes of rough and sometimes dirty tactics resulted in a majority decision for Soto—who was the odds-on favorite after a near-knockout of Quarry early in the second round.

The more experienced Quarry showed a slight advantage in the first, third, sixth and tenth rounds.

Soto, however, easily outpointed his opponent in the second, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth rounds. Scoring on the ninth round was even.

Intermittent penalties were invoked against both fighters for dirty tactics. Adding to the bitterness exhibited by Quarry—and by handlers of both fighters, was the use of Reno referees Mills Land and Sam Macias. The Reno men were called in by the Nevada Athletic Commission after a boycott was threatened by local referees over the money offered for their services.

In the preliminary bout, Jose Rodriguez, 159, of Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Dale Dennis, 157, of Savannah, Georgia.

Two more events followed the Soto-Quarry brawl. Edgar Ross, 156, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, won a split decision over James Jackson, 151, of Los Angeles. ..in a six-rounder.

The only knockout of the evening occurred in the final five-rounder when Milo Leyvas, 150, of Phoenix, knocked out Jorge Villegas, 151, of Tucson, at 34 seconds of the third round.

The first of the "Friday night fights"...drew a standing room only crowd of 1,003...resulting in a gate of $10,030.

The crowd was small...but the fight was fantastic. It was the second of the weekly Friday Night Fights at the Tropicana Hotel...

Middleweight Mike Rossman dealt a devastating knockout punch to Mike Nixon at 58 seconds of the seventh round.

With this knockout, Rossman, 161, from Turnersville, New Jersey, avenged a loss by a decision he suffered last March at the hands of the 161-lb. Nixon, who fights out of Glendale, California.

The end came with unexpected swiftness. Nixon started the seventh round by landing a solid right to Rossman's head. Nixon continued his attack...but missed with a double left jab and a combination right...and was left wide open for Rossman's counter-punch—an overhand right to the chin.

"I saw he was double jabbing and missing; so I was waiting to go with the overhand right," Rossman explained.

Nixon did not come to life until the fourth round—when he began blocking lefts and throwing combinations. Nixon won the fourth and fifth rounds—and the sixth round was counted even.

After being counted out in the seventh round by referee Buddy Basilico—a groggy Nixon couldn't remember much of what had happened—or how.

Rossman beamed in the glow of sweet revenge.

Two more knockouts spiced the evening's card. Heavyweight Marty Monroe knocked out Tony Pulu at 2 minutes, 37 seconds of the second round.

The second preliminary saw welterweight Concepcion Martinez stop Roy Holloway at 1 minute 25 seconds of the fifth round. In the final prelim, flyweight Cande Iglesias won a unanimous decision over Placido Mora.

Attendance for the second Friday Night Fight was only 590, little more than half of the 1003 who showed up for the initial event a week earlier.

This fact leads to the contention that perhaps Las Vegas cannot support two weekly boxing events. It is possible that the Friday Night Fights cannot compete with Bill Miller's long-established "Strip Fight of the Week"...held on Wednesday nights at the Silver Slipper.

SPONAGLE OVER RESTO IN MARITIME BATTLE

By FRED BISHOP

New Glasgow, N.S. — Barry Sponagle, 135, Stellarton, N.S. Canada's #1 lightweight contender, decisively outboxed Jose Resto, 133, New York, in a lively 10 rounder before 1,000 fans in a Sunday afternoon card here. All three judges voted for the local in a fight that saw no knockdowns but Sponagle did not come out unscratched as a right in the eighth opened a nasty cut over his left eye.

In a semi-final scheduled for six, Joey Bordon, 165, New Glasgow, upset Kelly Oickle, 161, Sydney, N.S., in two rounds but it was a wild slugfest while it lasted. Both boys were down in the first and again in the second before a left hook followed by a right cross finished Oickle for the afternoon.

Bobby Brake, 155, Fall River, N.S., a good left-hooker stopped Barry Wournell, 148, Dartmouth, midway through the third.

Kyle Patterson, 140, New Glasgow, punched out Billy MacNeil, 141, Sydney, in the second.

Promoters of the card were veterans Gussie MacLellan and Al Brown.

While the professional game in the Maritimes is slow, the same can't be said of amateur boxing in all three Atlantic Provinces. Some of the young fellows who are grabbing headlines from coast to coast are Calvin Lawrence, Chris Clarke, Danny Arsenault, Myles Fisher, Leo Charles Pelletier, brothers Kevin and Donnie Downey, Rick MacLeod, Al O'Halloran and N.S. junior champion Johnny Devison Jr. This young man shows a great deal of promise and is trained by veteran Vince Henneberry along with his father who was Canadian bantamweight champion in the fifties.

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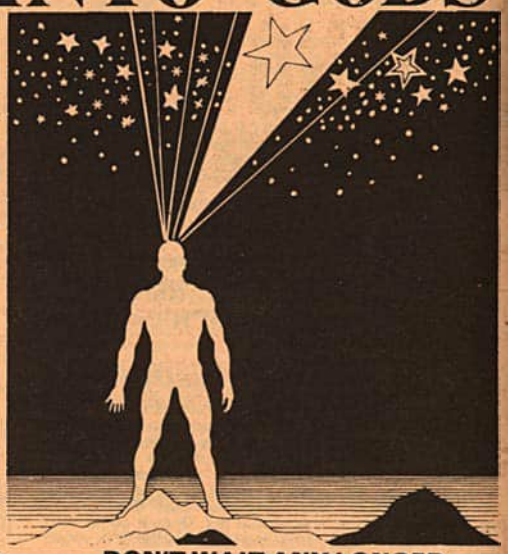

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

THERE is a good little junior lightweight out of South Philadelphia who answers to the monicker—Tyrone Everett. . .Tyrone is just 22 years young and already has established himself as a threat for world title honors. . .managed by Norristown, Pa., businessman, Frank Gelb—he is definitely headed for fistic stardom. . . . Everett has already proved his fighting prowess; now his manager must fight the political war in getting him a top rating with the boxing boards—W.B.A., W.B.C., etc.—and then line him up for a shot at the junior lightweight king, Ben Villaflor of the Philippines!!! Tyrone Everett has been cautious in his fights—maybe too much so—this is the only flaw I can see so far—but in the end result, he acquits himself of this cautiousness by coming out banging and taking the show away from his opponents. Once in command, Everett is cocky—even abrasive—but to be a true champion, he'll have to begin his act a bit sooner. . .this will be remedied, I am sure! Los Angeles fight manager, Mel Epstein, who handles the reins of middleweight Mike Nixon, says it is condition—but I am wondering if there is a touch of porcelain in the chin of the young middleweight socker. In his fight with Mike Rossman—it was more of a swing—and Nixon was down and out for good. Former heavyweight contender of the Joe Louis era—Bob Pastor—now toils as a security guard in upstate New York—Bob is still in great ring shape. . .and enjoying his life—and reminiscing. . . . The two best young middleweights around today are Sugar Ray Seales and Marvelous Marvin Hagler. . .the only difference between the two is that Seales is headed in the right direction by his astute manager, and Hagler is not getting any fights and any recognition. . . . Lou Viscusi planning on taking his entire boxing stable out to the West Coast and Pacific west—for a three month sojourn—boxing against all of the top middleweights and light-heavyweights, with Tony Licata and comebacking Bob Foster. . . . George Foreman working out daily at his new gym in Livermore, Calif. Boxing sure has changed—a bankroller backs a promotion with his money—but individual businessmen no longer can afford to put up the kind of cash demanded by a major fight—now it is getting so only governments can afford it—this is why a lot of major fights are taken out of the U.S. and foreign powers ante up the big money for the show!!!! Mike Mitchell is the latest young heavyweight hope displaying his fistic wares in West Coast rings—he is a former San Diego State and U.S.C. football player who has turned to the punch-for-pay ranks in the fight game. . . . It is time for former heavyweight champ, Joe Frazier, to put his fighter, Duane Bobick, in with some of the "iron" in the heavyweight ranks—a lot of the fight folks are wondering if young Bobick can fight. Always great to hear from old friends—Pinkee George, who brought many a good fighter out of the Mid-west in years gone by, is still putting together top boxing shows in and around Des Moines, Iowa. . . . Veteran N.Y.C. fight mentor, Al Bachman, just back from a vacation—took his wife and family to Lancaster, Pa., to see the "Dutch County". . .then visited with boxing historian, Johnny Hauck, who resides in the area. . . . Carl Duva, who manages light-heavyweight Irish Christy Elliott, has taken over the management of Eddie Parks, a good welterweight prospect—sort of building up a stable of his own right in New Jersey. . . . Didja know that Young Stribling, that great late heavyweight out of Macon, Ga., many years ago, was of Polish extraction—probably the greatest Polish fighter ever. . .his real name was Stribolinsky—? ? ? The book *King of the Canebrakes*, written by veteran sports writer, Jimmy Jones, is a must for boxing fans anywhere—the complete story of this great fighter. . . . Carlos Monzon's plans are to desert the fight beat by the end of this year—and devote his time to the movies—he has already appeared in pictures in South America—and actually there is no one around to beat him—the man is a millionaire on top of it all. . .where else is there for him to go in the fight game? ? Ken Buchanan announced his retirement from boxing just when Roberto Duran decides to give the Scotsman his long awaited return match—what goes here???? Alexis Arguello's title defense in Japan against Royal Kobayashi has been moved back a week to November 12 because of TV problems. . . . Former perennial middleweight contender, Denny Moyer, has gone into permanent retirement—word is that Denny is now toiling as a carpenter in his native Portland, Oregon—there are not many fighters who can boast of having fought in more foreign countries than Moyer—he always had his bags packed and always gave a good account of himself. He was a winner over Sugar Ray Robinson—that was way back in 1962—in Madison Square Garden. The newly formed International Boxing Promotions operating in San Francisco is headed by Miss Larine Gadol of the Philippines—making her niche in the fight game. . .Larine is an alumnus of the College of Holy Spirit in Manila—and they didn't have a course on boxing there. . .she just got involved through friends. . . . The boxing records disclose that there are some 5,000 licensed boxers in the U.S.—but unfortunately most of them are not that good. . .the reason, lack of good fight trainers. . . . It was 25 years ago that Rocky Graziano (now a N.Y. grandfather) fractured his left hand and had to call off his title fight with friend Jake LaMotta—where does the time fly?? Former welter and middleweight contender of the "fabulous fifties". . .the darling of the "boob tube". . .Chico Vejar—is no longer the executive secretary for the Connecticut State Athletic Commission. . . . Vejar

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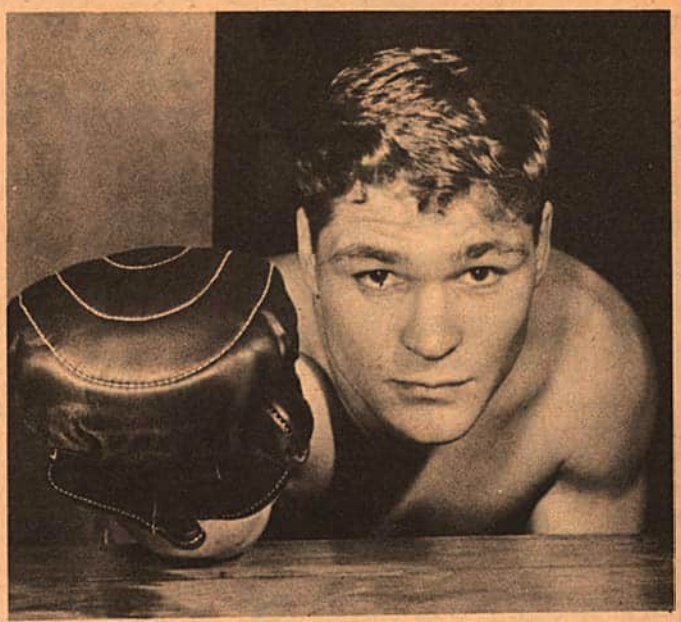

Denny Moyer, who has retired.

BRENNER INVITES KING TO RENT GARDEN, BUT HIS FIGHTS MUST MERIT ARENA

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"Duran must fight the Scot. Whom else? That contest can be held in the Garden and nowhere else. We have had Ken and Roberto under contract for four years.

"Boxing is in better shape than it has been in a long time," Brenner continued.

Reports on the TV's response to the Las Vegas fights have been encouraging. I believe that the original contract calling for seven Las Vegas fights will be extended considerably.

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While we were going over the national and international situations, word came to the Ring that George Foreman had signed to fight Pedro Lovell in Vegas.

An effort will be made in Vegas to drag Foreman out of obscurity and polish him up as a revived title contender with a fight against Pedro Lovell.

The promoter will need half a million in receipts to break even. He will be aided by $215,000 from CBS and $150,000 from Argentine television. It will not be easy, what with $50,000 going to the under card; Mayoral getting $15,000 and Haier $25,000.

The financial extent of this promotion would place it beyond the reach of the Garden even if the match were regarded as Garden class.

The reporter asked Brenner if he would object if Garden headquarters rented the arena to Don King.

"Emphatically not," Teddy replied. "The arena is for lease to any clean and worthwhile event. If King rented the Garden for a big fight I would buy the first ticket.

"I would enter a strong demurrer if King rented the arena for a fight which I did not rate worth placing in it."

This brought up the general subject of Don King. Did he consider Don a threat to the Garden and to Teddy Brenner?

"I find that Don King does not know anything about boxing," Brenner replied.

"He has a very valuable connection in Muhammad Ali.

"When Muhammad quits, what will become of Don King?

"When Jack Dempsey quit, what happened to the great Tex Rickard?

"When Joe Louis retired, what happened to the brainy and opulent Mike Jacobs?

"It is a natural process. The Kings will disappear and the game will go on.

"The books show that the Garden never had a money losing show with Muhammad Ali.

"Where has King made any money with Ali outside of the Garden?

"The Muhammad fights with Foreman in Zaire, with Wepner in Cleveland, with Bugner in Kuala Lumpur made no money for the sponsors.

"Put the third Frazier fight with Ali in Manila into the story and you have another loser subsidized by a nation out to get publicity, and not a promoter or corporation out for profit."

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The subject jumped to the new law in the state of New York which has freed the earnings of visiting fistic greats from the unjust impost, like the one charged against both Ali and Frazier in their second fight in the Garden. It was something like $348,000 per man.

"I am afraid that the importance and effect of this new law has been exaggerated. It is important in so far as being a force in persuading great fighters to come together in New York.

"But the way things are going, with King tossing untold millions at Ali and most of his opponents outside New York, the new law's effect, to us, at this time, is infinitesimal. Our time will come, but not while we face a condition like the ten million fight in Zaire."

Brenner pointed out that the New York state tax people no longer could take a big bite out of the closed circuit earnings of big fighters.

"There is a tendency to demean what are known as the good old days," Teddy continued.

"The Dempsey-Tunney fights in Philadelphia and Chicago, and the Dempsey-Carpentier bout in Jersey City, all drew more than a million each. Ali has not drawn a million at the gate in any of his fights except in the Garden.

"Boxing needs New York. It can be healthy only if New York boxing is healthy.

"As things stand under the King system, Ali is the one man who rakes in the millions, while all the sponsors lose. Call that a state of good health?

"We have reached a state at which television is a paramount factor not only in boxing, but football, baseball, hockey and basketball, as well. No TV, no public interest.

"Ali keeps announcing that when he quits boxing will die. This is plain bunk. The one and only John L. left and in came Corbett, followed by a great dynasty which eventually produced Jack Dempsey.

"Out went Dempsey and eventually we got Joe Louis, reputedly the greatest of them all.

"We needed a man like Muhammad Ali and we got him. When he retires there will be another great to take his place. Boxing will never die. It will prosper long after Ali and King and the Era of Fantastic Millions.

"Believe it or not, one day they will ask, 'Who was Muhammad Ali?' A fight fan called me last week and asked me 'Who was Benny Leonard?' Apparently a lifelike painting of Leonard had been recently presented to him and hangs over his desk.

"I wonder if you men at the Ring appreciate the value of the Ring Record Book. That is the treasury of the feats of boxing. That is where the greats will live as the years roll on."

Brenner pointed out that Ali had earned more money than Dempsey, Tunney, Louis and Robinson put together.

What wouldn't Brenner give to have a Ali-Frazier fight set for the Garden?

UEHARA BROTHERS BECOME JAPAN CHAMPS TOGETHER

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Tokyo, Japan — The Uehara brothers became national champions simultaneously. Okinawa, native land of Flipper Uehara, witnessed the local favorite win a majority decision from Ushiwakamaru Harada in their return tenner. Flipper successfully kept the Japan feather title against the ex-leader.

It was Yasutsune Uehara that amazed Korakuen Hall with a quick kayo of Susumu Okabe in the opening session.

Yasu annexed the title in the 130-pound class in less than two minutes. The brothers had compiled brilliant records as amateurs before they turned pro in Hawaii. Both are piloted by Masaki Kanehira, manager of ex-flyweight ruler Ebihara.

Lion Furuyama, strong lefty and national champ, proved too much for Eagle Sato, taking a unanimous nod in ten.

For all his previous losses to Hector Thompson and Sansak Muansurin, Furuyama one-sidedly dominated the contest to score the fourth defense. Sato hit the deck in the third round.

▲Some 7,500 customers gathered to see Flipper engage in a return with Harada at Naha City. Like their first go in March, a split duke went to the younger puncher. The contest was quite close, as Morita and Sasaki saw it 48-47 for Uehara, while Makikado had it 49-47 for Ushiwakamaru.

Flipper made a good start and scored well with a sharp combination to Ushi's face. But the 27-year old veteran opened a gash over Flipper's right eyebrow in round two. The gory Uehara fought back hard to dominate the third round.

The scrappy two exchanged a hard rally toe-to-toe in even terms. But Harada's specialty, body bombardment, was effective to avoid Flipper's superior power.

In the last two sessions Uehara sent an all-out attack with punches from all angles. The winner entered the ring ¾ of a pound heavier than Harada's 124. Flipper, 23, had wrested the JBC's title in his ninth win and scored the first defense.

In a semi Yoko Gushiken, another ex-amateur hope at 107, outpointed Joe Yasuo, 109¼, in eight.

▲An upset trick happened quickly enough to surprise 2,000 fans at Korakuen Hall. Susumu Okabe, leader of the junior lightweight class, was stopped in one min. 52 sec. of the first round. The winner was Yasutsune Uehara, a beetle haired 24-year old. Regarded as a match for Susumu, Uehara showed power in a short stoppage. The victor who had suffered a second round kayo by Ben Villaflor in Hawaii last year scored the 12th to win a 9th KO against two defeats. Both fighters tipped the beam at 130 pounds, the limit of the class.

▲A double event took place at Nagoya, where local favorites each won an easy decision. Osamu Haba, 111, continued a steady comeback trail and whipped Yoshimitsu Sumino, 111, in 10. Hard-hitting Haba had been the only fighter to stop Susumu Hanagata, ex-WBC titlist, from whom he copped the JBC title years ago. But beaten by Hanagata in a return affair, Haba became inactive in a layoff. This year Haba, who had received the Progress Award of The Ring, scored a lopsided win from Shinnosuke Minori in his previous showing.

In a first tenner, Takeshi Izumi, 151, decisioned Noboru Ichimonji, 154, in a junior middleweight contest.

Nagoya saw Beever Kajimoto, veteran flyweight at 113, held to a draw by Kenji Kato in 10 heats. Kato weighed 111½ pounds. Kajimoto entered the ring as an overwhelming favorite, who appeared since a decision by Filipino Socrates Batoto in Feb. His vaunted punching was avoided by the gameness of Kato, rising 112-pounder with a 20-8-6 record. In a semi, Yoshiharu Suzaki and Yukiya Urazaki fought to a draw in 8. They were junior featherweights.

▲Featherweight Shigeyoshi Ashikaga, 125½, knocked out Hidenobu Fuduka, 126¼, in the eighth round, Chiba Park Gymnasium. Some 2,300 fans were in attendance. Semi-final saw Tetsuji Murai lose to Osamu Toku in a junior lightweight eight.

▲In a preliminary of Shibata-Escalera card, Toshio Nishi beat Hideo Kobayashi in 10 frames. They fought at 117½ pounds within the bantamweight limit.

▲A title competition for the JBC 140-pound class leadership was an attraction which drew 1,500 customers at Korakuen Hall. Lefty puncher Lion Furuyama dropped Eagle Sato in the third round, battered him at will and copped a unanimous decision in ten.

In spite of Lion's defeats by foreign punchers, a TKO by Sansak Muansurin in Thailand, and a decision by Hector Thompson in Australia, the southpaw revealed his specialty, non-stop punching.

His right had Sato on the deck for a mandatory eight count. Sato who had scored three wins this year after a layoff for half a year absorbed much punishment. Lion had his opponent at bay in the ninth and tenth sessions. They scaled in at 140 pounds.

In a semi-final, an upset decision had the crowd on its feet. Speedster Gold Jo was defeated by up-and-coming Masayuki Miyashita, 131, in 10 hot frames. Jo, 133, was expected to tab an easy decision against the rookie. However Miyashita bored in gamely to chase the favorite all the way. A unanimous decision was well received.

▲Masaji Kudo, 157¾, kept his Japan middleweight title, as he defeated Yuji Miyagoshi in 10 rounds at Korakuen Hall. Yuji, two pounds lighter than the defending champ, was overwhelmed by Kudo's scrappy action. After a sudden relinquishment of Flasher Ishibashi, U.S. military worker, Kudo had seized the JBC title in an eliminator with Nobuyoshi Ozaki this March. Kudo, unbeaten in seven outings, had whipped Takeshi Watanabe in his first defense in May.

▲A card of ex-world ruler Soo Hwan Hong was cancelled because the Korean bantamweight had been unable to take a visa from the ROK government in time. A scheduled supporting ten was a substitute event for the Soo-Hideo Kobayashi card.

Harber Watanabe, roundhouse but powerful, collected another victim by stopping Yochi Arai, 147 pounds, in eight rounds. After monotonous proceedings Watanabe caught the fading rival with a two fisted attack. The winner weighed in at 140 pounds. Watanabe, tabbing 9 knockouts in 15 wins, may be a good opposition against the JBC leader Furuyama.

▲After a hard-fought draw with Cho Min in 12 heats in June, Orient ruler Ryo Sorimachi engaged in a nontitle contest with Koichi Munakata in Kyoto. Ryu proved too ringwise for Koichi, 151½, throughout 10 rounds. Ryu, two pounds heavier than the youngster, was annoyed by the loser's durability which won the praise of the ringsiders.

▲After being finished by Roberto Duran in 100 seconds in Costa Rica, national lightweight leader Masataka Takayama decided to hang up gloves. His farewell to ring action was announced immediately after Masa defended the Japan men's title against Koji Yajima via a lopsided nod in May.

The JBC ordered an eliminator to decide a successor in the 135-pound class. Big (Yoshikazu) Yamaryu became the new leader, as he polished off Yukio Sasaki, 133¾, in 8 brutal rounds of a scheduled 10. Yamaryu, 135, caused a sensation in his previous give-and-take affair with Shinichi Kadota. The latter's first appearance since a kayo by Antonio Cervantes had been regarded as an easy tune-up. But Yamaryu dropped the ex-Orient light ruler time and again before he sank from Kadota's desperate revenge in the final tenth round. Yamaryu, 23, and newly crowned, will have to face the top contender that the JBC ratings chooses in the 135-pound class.

▲Korea reported that Kenji Shibata, Japanese lefty, failed to seize the Orient middle title by a 10th round TKO by Lim Jae Keun in a scheduled 12-round competition. Lim is the next 160-pound leader to Jae Do Yuh, who recently dethroned Japan's Koichi Wajima by a kayo in six rounds and relinquished the Orient title to the OBF.

▲The OBF (Orient Boxing Federation) admitted Taiwan as a new member. The organization now consists of Japan, Korea, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and the additional country above.

Sanjo Takemori, feather puncher, was stopped by the brother of Vicente Saldivar in the fifth round, Los Angeles. Sanjo went abroad and decked important wins from Mexican 126-pounders. Another loser was Shinichi Kadota, who was halted by Aussie Hector Thompson within a distance.

GOLDEN STATE VETERAN ASSOCIATION HONORS TWELVE VETERANS

By ABE HOCHHEISER

Los Angeles, Cal. — The Golden State Veteran Boxers Association honored twelve members with a testimonial dinner at the Chalon Hotel.

Honored were the late Frank Battaglia former middleweight of the 30's; Jake Shugrue boxing manager-trainer and gymnasium owner; Dutch Meyers, veteran boxing manager; Doug Lewis, boxing manager-trainer and Canadian welterweight champion of the 20's; Duke Holloway, veteran manager-trainer; Tommy Farmer, veteran manager-trainer; Johnny Forbes, veteran manager; Gene "Spider" Mock, manager-trainer and boxer; Golden State VBA Secretary George L. Jenkins, Canadian featherweight boxer of the 30's; Jimmy McLarnin, welterweight champion; Sid Marks, former Canadian and British Empire lightweight champion; Jackie Hayden, former Canadian lightweight champion.

All honorees were presented with Golden State VBA trophies. Battaglia, McLarnin, Jenkins, Marks and Hayden were also inducted into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame and were presented with award certificates by Canadian historian and boxing commissioner Don Smith.

Lisa and Darryl Battaglia, daughter and son of the late Frank Battaglia, were on hand to accept the awards for their late father.

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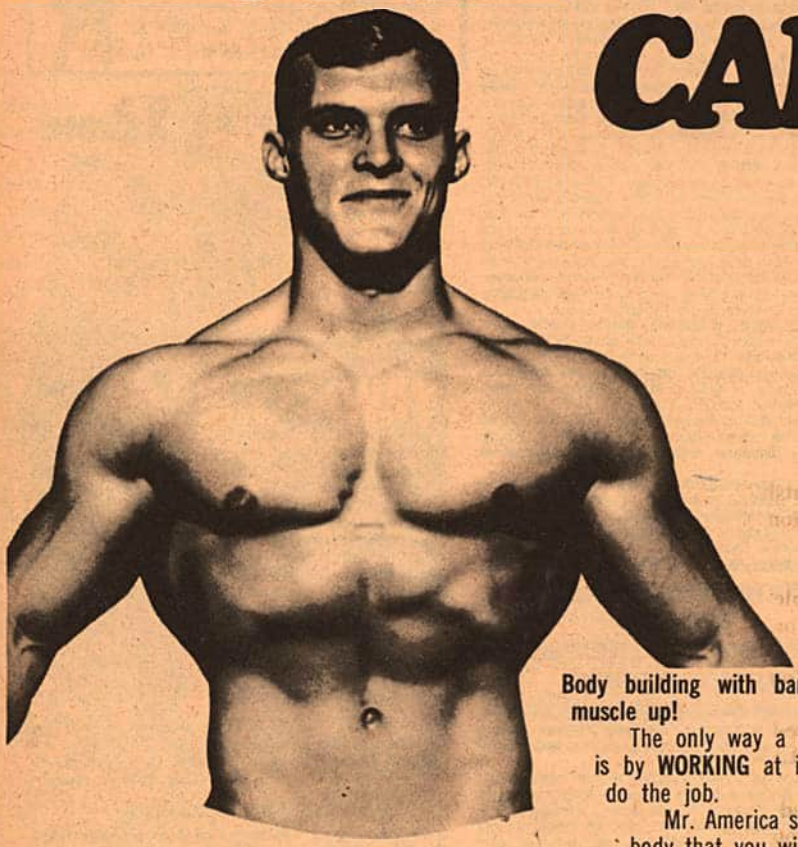

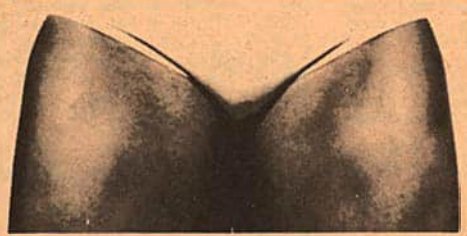

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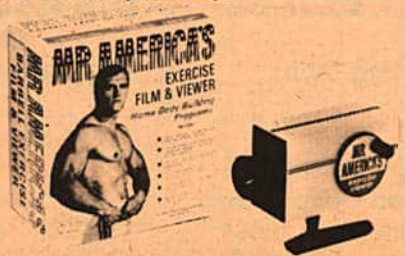

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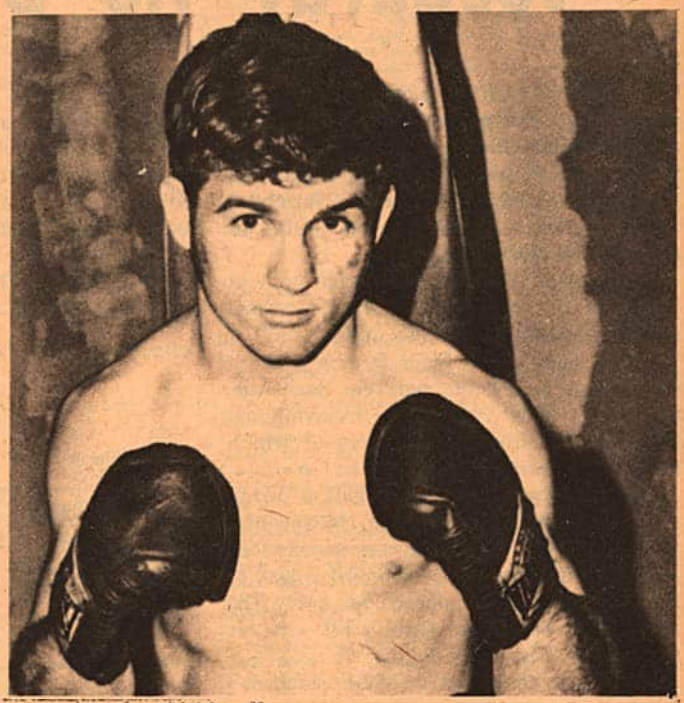
By DON FRASER

Art Hafey Picks Up All Votes In 10 Over Reyes

Art Hafey proved his mastery over Alberto Reyes, the California featherweight champion, by winning his second decision over Alberto in San Diego, California.



SAN DIEGO, CALIF. — Featherweight Art Hafey outslugged Alberto Reyes to take a unanimous 10-round decision at the Coliseum.

The fight was a replica of their July 11 meeting.

The Irishman from Nova Scotia had Reyes in trouble all night, stalking him throughout the bout and hitting him repeatedly with overhand rights.

But Reyes, the California featherweight champion, fought back again and again, forcing Hafey to back off.

The Filipino fighter from Stockton, Calif. used his five-inch reach advantage to slip inside Hafey's attack and connect with left and right uppercuts.

Referee Frank Rustich and judge Hal Rickerds scored the fight five rounds to three in favor of Hafey, with two rounds even. Judge Fred Hayes scored it 6-3 Hafey.

Hafey, 127, now has a record of 47 victories against six defeats and a draw. Reyes, 129, drops to 71-12-3.

On the undercard Carmelo Cruz, 142, Los Angeles, decisioned Armando Cordova, 140, North Hollywood (6); Roy Hernandez, 127, Los Angeles, KO'ed Paul Teibl, 125, San Diego, (5); Pedro Constancio, 135½, Stockton, won over Joe Escobar, 135, San Diego, (5); Cole St. John, 159, Downey (Cal), KO'ed Ernie Pope, 156½, Los Angeles, (1).

The gate was $5,059.

▲Los Angeles, Calif. — Danny Lopez, the unpredictable Alhambra redhead, has moved from near retirement to featherweight title contender with two explosive knockouts, but he's in no hurry for a crack at the crown.

So said his manager, Howie Steindler, minutes after Lopez scored a sixth-round knockout over veteran Raul Cruz before 3,500 at the Olympic Auditorium.

"Everything sounds good right now," Steindler said. "But we'll have to see. We wanted to get this one over with because when you're a winning fighter the deals fall in place. Now we'll have a choice—whichever is the more lucrative. I'll be listening to offers."

It was a one-sided battle, but nonetheless exciting.

Lopez, 126¾, sporting flashy red trunks and a neatly trimmed mustache, generated an aggressive attack as he pressed his crouching opponent relentlessly. Cruz, who says he's 27, did not fold easily.

"He was almost the best," Lopez said. "He threw a lot of punches. But, he never hurt me."

However, the 23-year-old Lopez was shaken several times, although he was in command from the outset. Lopez drove the furable Mexico City veteran into the ropes repeatedly, and pumped blows to the head that seemingly bounced back with little effect.

Cruz, 126½, rallied determinedly in the fifth, but never was able to sustain a formidable offense.

Lopez, who recorded his 26th victory against three defeats, scored his 24th knockout when he landed an overhand right to the jaw early in the sixth round.

Cruz (48-12, 35 KOs), dropped flat on his back and made no attempt to rise as referee John Thomas counted him out 30 seconds into the sixth round. Cruz was exhausted.

Later, Cruz refused to rate Lopez with some of the ex-champions he has defeated. In 1969, he beat four of them—Castillo, Lionel Rose, Rafael Herrera and Alfredo Marcano. Lopez knocked out Castillo last April.

"Castillo was better," Cruz said. "Arguello would beat him and so would Olivares."

In a companion 10-rounder, Gerardo Aceves, 126¾, scored his 13th knockout and 16th victory to remain undefeated when he KO'ed Enrique Garcia, 126, in the fourth round.

Gerardo Aceves, 126⅔, Tijuana, registered his 13th knockout and 16th win, when he toppled veteran Enrique Garcua, 126, Mexico City, in the fourth round.

Roy Hernandez, 126, Los Angeles, KO over Paco Zavala, 126, Los Angeles, (2); Freddy Gonzalez, 120, East Los Angeles, dec. over Mingo Pimentel, 118, Mexico, (4); Ramon Contreras, 133, Los Angeles, dec. over Rafael Preciado, 136, Mexico, (4).

The gross gate came to $16,740.

▲San Diego — Veteran Utah heavyweight Tony Doyle was stopped by young Mike Weaver of Pomona (Cal) in the ninth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

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Italian USAI And Fans In Jeopardy As Buchanan Scores

ROME, ITALY — Ken Buchanan defending his European lightweight title against Italian Giancarlo Usai, at Cagliari, was behind on points of all the three officials when referee Lorenzo Sanchez, Spain, called a halt in round twelve in favor of the champion.

At the same time Usai's manager threw in the towel. A riot broke out and beer cans, fruit and bottles were thrown into the ring.

Buchanan's helper Peter Renton was hit on the head by a bottle and Tom Buchanan, the boxer's father, was on the receiving end of another bottle, the splinters of which brought blood from Ken's back.

Buchanan's Dad required half a dozen stitches to patch up his head. Meanwhile, Usai lay in the opposite corner unconscious and three times a doctor supplied a kiss of life before the boxer opened his eyes. The Italian said before the fight, "I'll win this one or die." He nearly did die.

Usai recovered in a hospital. Buchanan fought with blurred vision and it was not until round eleven that he turned the fight in his favor.

He caught Usai with an uppercut to the body and stopped the Italian in his tracks.

In frame twelve Usai took a count of eight and it was then that the third man broke up the engagement.

A crowd of nine thousand saw Fluvio Urto's £50,000 promotion of which Buchanan received £22,500. Judges were Herbert Tomser, Germany, and Maurice Hess, France.

Free-for-all fights had broken out in the venue long before the title bout got started.

Buchanan never had the opportunity of receiving the European trophy for his victory. He was more concerned with getting back to his dressing room and locking the door from the inside.

Buchanan had mentioned retirement before this battle, and now after this experience at Cagliari, together with his double vision during the fight, not even the £45,000 offer to face Roberto Duran in New York will make the Scot change his mind. Thirty year old Buchanan is the only British boxer to win and successfully defend a world crown in the USA. His career is made up of sixty fights and he has earned an estimated £750,000.

It was in this same ring at Cagliari that Buchahan won the European lightweight crown in May last year, beating Antonio Puddu in four rounds. Since he has made a successful defense against Frenchman Leonard Tavarez, TKO14.

Buchanan's battle with Usai was his 60th and his 21st abroad having had only six fights in Britain since 1969. Usaiqhas now won 27 of his 30 bouts losing two on a disqualification against fellow countrymen Piero Meraviglia and Enzo Pizzoni.

The Italian was five years younger than Buchanan and had won 12 of his contests in-

EUROPEAN RATINGS

(As of September 15th 1975)

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
2. Bernd August (G)
3. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
4. Dante Cane (I)
5. Bepi Ros (I)
6. Rudi Lubbers (H)
7. Mario Baruzzi (I)
8. Jan Lubbers (H)
9. Jose Urtain (S)
10. Bjorn Rudi (N)

Light heavies
* Domenico Adinolfi (I)
1. Aldo Traversaro (I)
2. Harold Skog (N)
3. Freddie DeKerpel (B)
4. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
5. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
6. Christian Poncelet (F)
7. Yannick Dufour (F)
8. Eric Nussbaum (Switz)
9. Conny Velensek (G)
10. Sergio Janilli (I)

Middleweights
* Gratien Tonna (F)
1. Max Cohen (F)
2. Jean Mateo (F)
3. Franz Csandl (A)
4. Luxiano Sarti (I)
5. Roberto Benacquista (I)
6. Frank Reiche (G)
7. Jose Hernandez (S)
8. Mimoun Mahatar (S)
9. Poul Knudsen (D)
10. Germano Valsecchi (I)

Junior middles
* Eckhard Dagge (G)
1. Jose Duran (S)
2. Antonio Castellini (I)
3. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
4. Damiano Lassandro (I)
5. Aldo Bentini (I)
6. Moises Fajardo (S)
7. Angelo Jacopacci (I)
8. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
9. Ben Zwerzerijnen (H)
10. Albert Torri (I)

Welterweights
* John H. Stracey (GB)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Germain Lemaitre (F)
3. Domenico DiJorio (I)
4. Marco Scano (I)
5. Jorgen Hansen (D)
6. Jesus Gonzalez Dopico (S)
7. Giovanni Molesini (I)
8. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)
9. Yves Lefferand (F)
10. Georges Warusfel (F)

Junior welterweights
* Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz (S)
1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Toni Ortiz (S)
3. Romano Fanali (I)
4. Bruno Freshi (I)
5. Jesus de la Rosa (S)
6. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)
7. Cemal Kamaci (T)
8. Kristian Hoydahl (N)
9. Efisio Pinna (I)
10. Roger Zami (F)

Lightweights
Title vacant
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Miguel Velasquez (S)
3. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
4. Andre Holyk (F)
5. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
6. Rosario Sanna (I)
7. Enzo Pizzoni (I)
8. Vincenz Quero (I)
9. Ugo Poli (I)
10. Ugo Di Pietro (I)

Junior lights
* Sven Erik Paulsen (N)
1. Antonio Puddu (I)
2. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
3. Lothar Abend (G)
4. Giuseppe Mura (I)
5. Mario Redi (I)
6. Rudi Haek (B)
7. Natale Vezzoli (I)
8. Enzo Farinelli (I)
9. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
10. Luis Aisa (S)

Featherweights
* Elio Cotena (I)
1. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)
2. Gitano Jiminez (S)
3. Michel Lefevbre (F)
4. Manuel Masso (S)
5. Sergio Emili (I)
6. Pasqualino Morbidella (I)
7. Michel Siracusa (I)
8. Guy Caudron (F)
9. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
10. Nino Jiminez (S)

Bantamweights
* Daniel Triolaire (F)
1. Franco Zurlo (I)
2. Bob Allotey (S)
3. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
4. Luigi Tessarin (I)
5. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
6. Lucio Vailati (I)
7. Gianni Carbo (I)
8. Ferdinando Ripamonti (I)
9. Jacky Bihin (F)
10. Jose Luis Otero (S)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Franco Sperati (I)
2. Fritz Cervet (Switz)
3. Franco Buglione (I)
4. Emilio Pireddu (I)
5. Dominique Cesari (F)
6. Pedro Molledo (S)
7. Christian Martin (F)
8. Altero Marini (I)
9. Salvatore Laconi (I)
10. Angelo Spano (I)

***European Champion**
Legend: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; Fn Finland; G Germany; GB Great Britain; H Holland; I Italy; L Luxembourg; Nv Norway; S Spain; Sd Switzerland; Sw Sweden; Y Yugoslavia.

side the distance. He had never fought over eight rounds before. Buchanan has served Britain well but British promoters have treated him badly, forcing him to fight abroad.

Twelve months ago Buchanan would have beaten Usai in a couple of rounds. At Cagliari he had his hands full.

Wife Carol, children Mark and Karen welcome Papa's retirement. This was the sixth meeting between a Briton and Italian with the score in favor of the Britons by five to one. The first champion in this division was Freddie Welsh of Great Britain who beat Frenchman Henri Piet, France, TKO12 in Wales on Aug. 23rd, 1909. Since then we have had 108 European lightweight championship bouts providing 42 champions. Italians to wear the crown number 13 while Britain has provided 10. This was the fifth lightweight title contest to be staged at Cagliari.

Fifteen European championship contests in the first six months of this year which is one more than in 1974 for the same period.

Bob Allotey, bantamweight, Jose Jiminez, featherweight, Jose Duran, junior middleweight from Spain, and Kevin Finnegan, (GB), middleweight, all lost their titles. Last year Britain ruled Europe holding six of the eleven titles. With Buchanan's retirement they are left with two champions. Joe Bugner, heavyweight, and John H. Stracey, welterweight.

Italy has three title holders, Domenico Adinolfi, light heavyweight, Elio Cotena, featherweight and Franco Udella, flyweight. France has two, Gratien Tonna, middleweight, and Daniel Trioulaire, bantamweight.

Spain, Norway and Germany have one apiece, Roman Fouz, junior welterweight, Sven Paulsen, junior lightweight, and Eckhard Dagge, junior middleweight.

Spanish WBC junior welterweight champion, Pedro Fernandez lost his crown in Bangkok to Saensak Mangsurin of Thailand, who was having his third professional fight—a record for inclusion in The Ring Record book for 1976—Fernandez who had not won a round and was bleeding from the nose, did not come out for round eight.

A split is forecast between Perico Fernandez and his manager, Martin Miranda. Fernandez can be expected to be called up on the carpet before the Spanish authorities to discuss his bad performance against Mangsurin.

Boxing in Norway looks bright. Sven Erik Paulsen is the European junior lightweight champion and is undefeated in 17 fights. As an amateur he won 135 of his 160 bouts. Harald Skog, light heavyweight, has won 11 and drawn one of his 12 starts. Bjorn Rudi, a fine heavyweight prospect, is learning the trade in Joe Bugner's camp. Two fighters for the notebook are Kristian Hoydahl, welterweight, and Jan Arne Pedersen, junior welterweight. Promoter in Norway is Erik Senerud, who is serving the sport well.

Kalevi Marjamaa, Finland, who won the European amateur welterweight title at Katowice, beating Russian Viktor Zilberman (5-0), might well join the paid ranks. Marjamaa lost only five of his 120 amateur contests.

ITALY

Firenze — Junior welterweight. Angelo Fanciulli beat Gianni Quaini, TKO1.

Abbiategrasso — Junior welterweight. Luigi Mannarino beat Mario Carta, KO3.

Milan — Middleweight. Elia Bettinzola beat Ugo Santandrea, TKO4. Ralfaele Di Costanto beat Nario Coiro, KO2. Junior welterweight. Giuseppe Russi beat Augusto Quadri, TKO3.

Macerata — Lightweight. Renzio Battistelli outscored Guiseppe Agate, eight. Junior lightweight. Francesco Musolini drew their six rounder with Gianfranco Bulla. Welterweight. Mario Catzone beat Adriano Roasti, KO5.

Firmo — Lightweight. Oscar Aparicio beat Amleto Restano, TKO2.

Signa — Junior welterweight. Franco Sanseverino outscored Mario Carta, six. Lightweight. Vincenzo Burgio outscored Giuseppe Martucci, eight.

Florenze — Flyweight. Claudio Fanda beat Luigi Paravatil KO3.

Nepi — Featherweight. Salvatore Liscapade outscored Abu Arrow, eight. Flyweight. Santo Nedici outpointed Fipippo Belvedere, six.

Canta — Middleweight. Luciano Sarti decisioned Giuseppe Borghi, eight. Junior lightweight. Prisco Rossetti, outpointed Giuseppe Pappalardo, six. Featherweight. Dante Guarnieri decisioned Natale Caredda, eight.

▲**Milan** — Lightweight. Giancarlo Barabotti beat Rocco Zecca, TKO2.

▲**Milan** — Middleweight. Vito Antuofermo beat Antonio Castellini, TKO5. Junior lightweight. Domenico Monaco faced Mario Sanna and the bout was declared no contest in round four because of irregularities. Middleweight. Jose Luis Duran beat Guerrino Cipriani, TKO1. Salvatore Russo and Dante Lazzari drew their six rounder.

▲**San Severo** — Junior welterweight. Guiseppe Russi decisioned Vasco Armstrong, eight.

▲**Grassina** — Featherweight. Alessandro Bini drew an eight rounder with Antonio Pocai, eight.

▲**Cagliari** — Junior welterweight. Giancarlo Usai outscored Giovanni Lamusta, eight. Junior middleweight. Marco Scano outscored Lorenzo Nardillo, eight. Flyweight. Tarcisio Boi drew his eight rounder with Salvatore Laconi, eight.

▲**Brescia** — Heavyweight. Mario Baruzzi beat Amadeo Laureti, KO4. Welterweight. Antonio Chiodoni outscored Adriano Rodriguez, eight. Luciano Borracia outscored Nicola Sassanelli, eight.

▲**Tarquinia** — Middleweight. Angelo Jacopucci outscored Giuseppe Mingardi, eight.

▲**Terni** — Junior welterweight. Efisio Pinna decisioned Enzo Pizzoni, eight.

▲**Trieste** — Junior lightweight. Nevio Carbi beat Renzo Battistelli, the latter retiring with a cut eye in round four.

▲**Priverno** — Junior welterweight. Tomaso Morocco outscored Piero Ceru, eight. Welterweight. Nicola Marocco drew with Angelo D'Isidoro, eight.

▲**Trieste** — Italian light heavyweight champion Aldo Traversaro retained his crown beating Onelio Grando, KO5. Junior welterweight. Giampiero Mereu beat Luciano Laffranchi, TKO5.

▲**Arenzano** — Light heavyweight. Mate Parlov beat German Horst Lang, KO1. Flyweight. Franco Sperati decisioned Antonio De Franca, eight. Featherweight. Pasqualino Morbidelli lost his Italian featherweight title losing on points to Sergio Emili, twelve.

SPAIN

▲**Tarrasa** — Bantamweight. Adolfo Osses and Daniel Rodriguez Figueroa drew their eight rounder.

▲**Cuenca** — Light heavyweight. Alejandro Cardoso drew his eight rounder with Jose Antonio. Galvez Vasquez. Featherweight. Francisco Santaengracia beat Juan Barros who was disqualified in round five.

▲**Mataro** — Featherweight. Valeriano Morales decisioned Andres Ramos, eight. Jose Antonio Donoso outscored Pedro Pino, eight.

▲**Barcelona** — European junior welterweight champion Gomez Fouz, Spain, outscored Romano Fanali, Italy, over fifteen rounds to retain his title. Featherweight. Manuel Masso outpointed Adolfo Osses, eight. Featherweight. Antenio Guinaldo decisioned Antonio Jose Donoso, eight. Junior welterweight. Jose Ramon Cabanin outpointed Giuliano Lonzi, eight.

▲**Madrid** — Featherweight. Tino Blanco outscored Munuz Jurado, eight. Bantamweight. Eduardo Tobares decisioned Andres Ramos, eight.

▲**Madrid** — Heavyweight. Jose Urtain won the Spanish heavyweight title beating champion Casimiro Martinez, TKO9. Junior middleweight. Mimoun Mohatar outpointed Dum Dum Pacheco, eight.

▲**Madrid** — Junior welterweight. Fierrito Fernandez outscored Mohater, eight. Junior lightweight. Tino Blanco outscored Barros, eight.

▲**Santa Cruz** — Junior welterweight. Fernando Perez beat Jesus Rodriguez de la Rosa, TKO4.

▲**Malaga** — Heavyweight Jose Urtain drew his eight rounder with Jose Antonio Galvez. Junior welterweight. Fierrito Fernandez outscored Fernando Bermejo, eight. Featherweight. Joe Bisbal outpointed Andres Ramos, eight. Lightweight. Hernandez Garcia decisioned Mohatar, eight.

▲**Madrid** — Lightweight. Nino Jiminez beat Pedro Coque, TKO2.

▲**Madrid** — Junior welterweight. Gomez Fouz outscored Miguel Velasquez, eight. Lightweight. Miguel Molleda decisioned Jose Ramon Cabanin, eight. Featherweight. Antonio Guinaldo and Tino Blanco drew their eight rounder.

▲**Palma de Mallorca** — Promoter Perez's German-Spanish show was a flop. Only 4,000 attended his DM 50,000 show staged in a bull fighting arena. Former European junior lightweight champion Lothar Abend, Germany, lost to Isidor Cabeza, Spain, being disqualified in round four. Light heavyweight. Arno Prick, Germany, lost KO1 to Jose Galvez, Spain. Heavyweight. Ex-German heavyweight champion Hartmut Sasse, was disqualified in round 4 against the Spanish light heavyweight champion Manuel Quintana. Hans Michel, Germany, lost KO1 to Francesco Foli, Spain.

FRANCE

▲**Toulon** — Welterweight. Alain Ruocco beat Jose Luis Quaini, TKO1.

▲**Tours** — Featherweight. Gerard Jacob beat Michel Lecerf, TKO3. Welterweight. Guy Vercoutter outscored Gerard Leterme, eight.

▲**Le Havre** — Light heavyweight. Jean Pierre Leseigneur outscored Jean Tshikuna, ten.

▲**Toulon** — Welterweight. Alain Ruocco beat Flash Patterson TKO1.

▲**Commercy** — Welterweight. Andre Camonin outscored Claude Wrobel, six.

▲**Salon de Provence** — Junior welterweight. Kid Bukassa beat Fernard Gomar, KO1.

▲**Paris** — Junior lightweight. Carlos Foldes beat Lothar Abend, Germany, who was disqualified in round five. Heavyweight. Lucien Rodriguez decisioned Henny Thoonen, eight. Light heavyweight. Jimmy Verstappen beat Haim Zilbershmidt, KO1. Middleweight. Francois Rodriguez beat Jean Claude Midoux, TKO2.

▲**Fergniers** — Flyweight. Nessim Zebilini outscored Raymond Cordier, six.

▲**Metz** — Featherweight. Ali Messaoud and Christian Hardelin drew their eight rounder.

▲**St. Denis** — Welterweight. Pascal Zito beat Georges Perrot who retired with a cut eye in round four.

BELGIUM

▲**Mont St. Amand** — Junior lightweight. Bouchiba Messaoud beat Bung Ho Park, KO1. Welterweight. Phillipe Rocchi drew six with Jean Claude Tellier.

▲**Kalken** — Lightweight. Fernand Roeland beat Bouchiba Messaoud, TKO6. Welterweight. Filippo Rocchi decisioned Frank Meganch, six.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Zurich** — Bantamweight. Helenio Ferreira beat Jacky Bihin, TKO5.

AUSTRIA

▲**Vienna** — Welterweight. Josef Pachler outpointed Burhan Yelsibag, eight. Klaus Fuchs beat Franz Hohl, TKO2. Herbert Trausmuth and Giampalo Piras drew a six rounder. Stefan Kobli outscored Bung Ho Park, six.

▲**Villach** — Junior middleweight. Joe Pachler outscored Mi Whan Ki, ten.

NORWAY

▲**Oslo** — Light heavyweight. Harold Skog outscored Eddie Duncan, ten. Jorgen Hansen beat Kristian Hoydahl, TKO8 to win the vacant Nordic welterweight title. Lightweight. Jan Pedersen beat Herbet Trausmuth, KO3.

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By RON OLVER

John Bull Wants To Know Why He's Losing Titles

LONDON, ENGLAND — Not so many months ago Britain held six European titles and the majority of the Commonwealth crowns. Now we hold only three European and just one Commonwealth through heavyweight Bunny Johnson, and he was born in Jamaica.

What has happened? Why the drop in titles, and is this indicative of a drop in standards in British boxing? And why has this happened so suddenly?

These are questions which the fans are asking, and my reply would be that things are not always as bad as they seem, and that cold hard facts don't always tell the full story.

For instance, we now have a WBC World champion in light heavyweight John Conteh, who followed normal procedure when he won this honor by giving up the British, European and Commonwealth titles.

Joe Bugner holds the European heavyweight crown, but I hear he is thinking of giving it up to concentrate on the World crown. Joe has shown no interest in the British or Commonwealth titles since losing them to Jack Bodell back in 1971.

Middleweight Kevin Finnegan was in tremendous form when he won the European crown from Frenchman Jean Claude Bouttier, but was in indifferent form when losing it in his first defense against Gratien Tonna, another Frenchman.

Now Kevin must take his place in the queue, for Bunny Sterling has regained the British crown, and is leading contender for the European title.

Welter John H. Stracey holds the European title, and has been nominated to meet Jose Napoles shortly for the latter's World crown.

Ken Buchanan never bothered about the Commonwealth lightweight title, but he did win the World crown, losing it to Roberto Duran. Ken has now retired, still holding the European championship, which I am sure will soon be won by British champion Jim Watt.

I would describe Vernon Sollas, the present British featherweight champion, as potentially the best 126 pound prospect at 21 years of age in the world. Given time, he'll win the European and Commonwealth crowns.

Johnny Clark, who held the European crown, has retired, but 25-year-old Dave Needham has already drawn in a European title fight, and has the ability to do better next time.

As to the flyweights, or FLYWEIGHT — champion John McCluskey has no contenders. He is nearly 32, and when he retires the division will retire with him.

I regret to report the recent deaths of three well-known British managers, Tony Vairo, Nat Seller and Morrie Fletcher.

Tony was one of my favorite people. He was 78, and his top boxer was Dick Tiger of Nigeria.

Under Tony Dick won the Empire middleweight crown in 1958, and I know what a great shock it was when Dick decided his future was in the United States — without Tony.

Dick of course went on to win the World middle and light heavy titles, and died a few years ago.

Among others Tony looked after were British lightweight champion Jimmy Walsh, World flyweight title contender Joe Curran, Jim Brady, Bobby Boland, Bunty Doran, Tom Bailey, Stan Hawthorne, Alan Tanner, Harry Scott, Bert Jackson, Martin Hansen the Dane, and American middle Artie Towne, who at one time was Sugar Ray Robinson's top sparmate.

Tony had more anecdotes about fighting and fighters than any manager I have known. I shall miss those tales. He was a great character, a legend in his native Liverpool.

Nat Seller used to be in charge of Jack Solomon's gym in London's Great Windmill Street, and looked after many top fighters. He trained World light heavy champ Freddie Mills, and other top men like flyweight Dai Dower and Pat Palmer, and middleweight Vince Hawkins.

He lived in the East End and was 80 years

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Bunny Johnson (J)
1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
3. Billy Aird (E)
4. Mani Vaka (T)
5. Danny McAlinden (I)
6. Ngozika Ekwelum Ekwelum (N)
7. Richard Dunn (E)
8. Rocky Campbell (Ant)
9. Eddie Neilson (E)
10. Maile Naimona (Samoa)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. John H. Stracey (E)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Fernand Marcotte (C)
4. Eddie Blay (G)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Pat Thomas (J)
7. Jeff Gale (W)
8. Kenny Webber (E)
9. Henry Rhiney (J)
10. Trevor Francis (J)

CRUISERWEIGHT

Champion
Steve Aczel (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Johnny Frankham (E)
3. Chris Finnegan (E)
4. Tim Wood (E)
5. Victor Attivor (G)
6. Roy John (W)
7. Pat McCann (E)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
10. Greg McNamara (A)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
2. Martin Beni (Papua)
3. Joey Singleton (E)
4. Pat McCormack (I)
5. Johnny Summerhays (C)
6. Des Morrison (J)
7. Alan Salter (E)
8. Billy Waith (W)
9. Lawrence Hafey (C)
10. Ross Eadie (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)
1. Dave Needham (E)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Paddy Maguire (I)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Brian Clout (A)
7. Jim Slatter (A)
8. John Kellie (S)
9. Guinea Hillier (A)
10. Dennis Talbot (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Carlos Marks (Tr)
4. Alan Minter (E)
5. Dave Downey (C)
6. Gary Broughton (C)
7. Carl Speare (E)
8. Semi Bula (A)
9. Roy Lee (J)
10. Dave Dakers (B.Hon)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Matt Ropa (A)
3. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
4. Andy Broome (A)
5. George McGurk (E)
6. Tommy Dunn (E)
7. Paul Collette (C)
8. Dave Richards (A)
9. Jeff Malcolm (A)
10. Noel McIvor (E)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Big Jim West (A)
1. Patrick Mambwe (Zam)
2. John McCluskey (S)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Championship Vacant
1. Elisha Obed (Bah)
2. Maurice Hope (Ant)
3. Larry Paul (E)
4. Matt Donovan (Tr)
5. Jean Claud Leclair (C)
6. Rocky Patterson (A)
7. Billy O'Donnell (A)
8. Johnny Galluzzo (A)
9. Jim Bavin (NZ)
10. Jimmy Batten (E)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Champion
David Poison Kotey (G)
1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Bobby Dunne (A)
3. Vernon Sollas (S)
4. Jimmy Revie (E)
5. Merv Wockner (A)
6. Alan Richardson (E)
7. George Turpin (E)
8. Bingo Crooks (J)
9. Alan Buchanan (S)
10. Jimmy Brown (A)

Billy Moeller (A) won the vacant and newly-formed Junior lightweight title. He has been ordered to defend against Mama Clay (N). Other contenders Jimmy Bell (S) and Lionel Rose (A).

old. He was a kindly man with encouragement for all who entered the gym, whether top-liner or six-rounder.

Manager Morrie Fletcher came from Hackney, London, and was 75.

Morrie was one of boxing's 'characters.' He knew everyone, everyone knew him. He got his manager's license in 1931, and when I started to cover the sport in the forties as a professional journalist, he was looking after a stream of fighters that included bantamweight Harry Alley, known affectionately as The Nobbins King.

Harry would fight his heart out every time he entered the ring, and theirs was a good partnership. I got to know both of them pretty well over the years, and it was with regret that I heard about Morrie's demise from his nephew Geoff Spiro, when we met at a recent Albert Hall show.

I checked with Board of Control Secretary Ray Clarke for details of some of the boxers that Morrie managed, and the list runs into hundreds.

Among them were several members of the successful London Ex-Boxers' Association, including Les Johnson, Richard Armah and Harry Warren, who now lives in the United States, but is always keen to hear from his old mates in Britain.

Dickie O'Sullivan, Dick Langley, Billy Adair, Dave Kellar, Billy Daniels, Les Ballysax, Ron Grogan, Johnny Prince and Dave Wakefield are among those with whom Morrie was associated.

"Morrie's wife Millie must have made millions of cups of tea for his boxers," said Geoff. "He used to take me to watch the fights. I think I was about eleven when we started going, and I've been a keen fan ever since.

"He had an incredible memory, and was very active up to about three years ago, when he had a stroke. He had three daughters, but no son to carry on the boxing tradition."

"What was his trade?" I asked Geoff.

"Boxing was his trade," he replied. "Boxing was his life."

What better epitaph.

John McCluskey of Hamilton, Scotland, who may be the last of the British Flyweight champions.

▲Double Diamond Club, Caerphilly — Pat Thomas, Cardiff, 145½, leading contender for the British welterweight title, comfortably outscored German Peter Scheibner, 153, over eight by 79½-76½.

In view of the considerable weight handicap, Thomas did well and even succeeded in decking his man in the sixth, the first time the German had been on the canvas in his career.

Thomas won without trouble, but can expect more formidable opposition from British champion John H. Stracey when their title fight materializes.

In the early rounds Thomas quickly realized he was the better man, and in addition to an accurate left jab, brought his right into play frequently. But this punch carried little power, and the fact that he was neglecting his defenses brought a stern reminder in the second, when he was caught with a good right hand at close quarters that dazed him momentarily.

Apart from this indiscretion, Thomas was very much the master. Scheibner tired, causing more frequent holding, and then a Thomas left hook put the German down in the sixth.

He rose unsteadily at four and had to take quite a bit of stick until the end of the round. From then on it was one-way traffic, and Thomas eventually stopped trying to knock his man out and settled for a points victory. The German showed commendable gameness, but was outclassed.

Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 162, outpointed Mike Manley, Pontypool, 162, over eight by 79½-77½. Angus well won the early rounds, Manley came on strongly in the later stages, but had too much leeway to make up, and Angus clinched it with a good final session.

Alun Trembath, Tonyrefail, 127, outpointed Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 128, over eight by 80-76. Trembath thus won every round, but Tuohey only finished his five hour drive to the arena after the show had started, and had to go almost straight into the ring.

Trembath punched harder, but Tuohey was courageous and would not concede an inch.

Les Wint, Tottenham, 147¼, drew for the second time with Mickey Ryce, Abingdon, 147, over six. Last time both were making their debuts, but on this occasion Wint looked a bit unlucky not to get the verdict.

▲Top Rank Suite, Swansea — Neville Meade, Swansea, 212½, stopped Lloyd Walford, Chesterfield, 185, in the sixth, a good performance against a much more experienced opponent.

Walford was decked in the fifth and twice more in the sixth when the referee intervened. Meade's heavy right-handers were the deciding factors.

After an all-action six rounds, Terry Davies, Cardiff, 159, was adjudged to have outscorec Carlton Lyons, Manchester, 152, over six by 59-58½, but it was mighty close, and the fans responded with nobbins amounting to £20.

Maybe Davies' strong finish was the deciding factor, which was impressive after a two year layoff.

No trouble for Jeff Pritchard, New Tredegar, 126, who stopped Steve Gaze, Bournemouth, 133½, in the fifth. No knockdowns, but Gaze in obvious difficulty.

Randy Barrett, Wolverhampton, 165, kept busy to outpoint Liam White, Wells, 159, over six.

▲World Sporting Club, London — Larry Paul, 159½, who hopes to win back the British light middleweight title soon, had no difficulty in stopping Colin Davies, Aberfan, 160¾, in the fifth.

Paul came in as a substitute at less than a day's notice, but had far too much class for Davies, who soaked up a lot of punishment.

Davies' nose bled, and although showing a lot of courage and staying on his feet it was a good decision by the referee to halt it when he did; Davies wanted to continue, but it was pointless.

Tommy Dunn, 132¾, kept his Southern Arealightweight title by beating Noel McIvor, 132½, the referee intervening in the seventh, when McIvor was cut over the left eye.

Dunn boxed coolly, and although McIvor kept busy, Tommy was always in control. Not that the margin between them was ever much, but Dunn gave the impression that he would probably have won anyway. Yet who can tell what may have happened, and McIvor should get the chance of a return that he wants.

Alec Tompkins, West Ham, 161½, outscored Joe Lally, Liverpool, 161, over eight hectic rounds by 79-77. Lally looked set for victory in the early rounds, especially when his opponent was cut over the left eye.

But Tompkins kept jabbing away to steal the points, Lally tired appreciably yet still kept up the pressure, and it proved to be a fine contest with an all-action finish as Lally tried in vain to pin down the West Ham boxer.

Tompkins continued to jab effectively, and his right crosses landed more frequently in the closing stages.

In contests at the major Sporting Clubs there is always the chance of picking up a big bonus from theinfluential patrons, and Johnny Wall, Merthyr, 136½, and opponent Young Silky, Leeds, 139, each received £25 from the Earl of Derby after a fine bout in which Wall won on points by 79½-78.

Wall seems to be making a habit of this, and is rapidly becoming known as the Nobbins King after having received same from the fans in his four previous bouts.

Wall impressed. Cut over the left eye in the third, he made light of this handicap and was always able to find the answer to Silky's aggressive tactics, both by good defensive tactics and by taking advantage of every opening to score with both hands.

Les Pickett, Merthyr, 122½, outpointed Lawrence Devanney, Bradford, 126½, by 79-77½ over eight. Devanney was decked for seven in the sixth, and Pickett survived the handicap of a cut by the right eye late in the fight to win comfortably.

John Depledge, Leeds, 205, caused a shock by stopping Isaac Hussein, Streatham, 196, in the opening session. Referee Sid Nathan intervened after Hussein had been floored twice.

HEAIR SURPRISES RICHNS BY TAKING NEGRON IN 5

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

Roberty Clemente Stadium — San Juan, Puerto Rico

Californian Jimmy Heair, 139, surprised the experts by scoring a five round kayo over local favorite Laudiel Negron. Negron, 140, who was aiming at a title encounter with Antonio Cervantes, was clipped with a short right hook to the mouth that dropped him for the nine count. Upon rising, blood was dripping from his mouth. Referee Hector Cardona called a halt at 0:52 of the fifth round.

It was an uneventful turn to a fight that had been relatively even up to that point.

Negron was quite effective with a bobbing and weaving style while Heair countered well, using a stand-up style. An injured optic while in training proved to be Negron's undoing. The boy from L.A. had it pretty near closed by the end of the first round. He fought a cagey confident fight despite being away from his backyard and received the plaudits of the fans for his fine showing.

In the semi-final ten lightweight Hector J. Medina had an easy one when he flattened the oft-kayoed Jose Pagan of Maine in the first heat.

Featherweight Enrique Solis looked promising in scoring an eight-round kayo victory over the very difficult Benito Estrella. Solis had beaten Ben Ortiz and Luis Davila in previous encounters.

In another feather encounter Dominican Jose Pena had his hands full in gaining a six-round decision over Papo Sardinas. Pena lost his cool early in the bout as the inexperienced Papo proved to be more than what he could handle. The boy from Santo Domingo had a fight every inch of the way against his ever aggressive opponent to take it.

Junior lightweight Frank Aponte took a split decision from Pedro Diaz in six heats.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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Weaver had too much firepower for Doyle, who over the years fought top notchers like Joe Frazier and Jerry Quarry.

Doyle weighed 214½, Weaver, 119¼. The gate was $3998.

Jose Macias, 171½, San Diego, dec. over Pete McIntyre, 172, Los Angeles, (6); Cole St. John, 162, Downey (Cal) KO over Randy Miller, 154½, San Diego, (4); Mike Mitchell, 213½, San Diego, KO over Ray Thomas, 191½, Los Angeles, (3).

▲**San Carlos** — Ray Lunny III, Palo Alto, gave Jose Lopez of Mexico City a one sided licking in the main event at the Circle Star theatre.

Lunny, 131¾, halted Lopez midway in the fifth round. Lopez weighed 131. The gate was $13,167.

Hildo Silva, 172, San Diego, KO over Danny Brewer, 171, Chicago, (8); King David Smith, 174, Oakland, dec. over Budda Brooks, 179, Los Angeles, (8).

▲**Sacramento** — Pete Ranzany, 147½, Sacramento, was impressive in his main event debut, stopping Toshiharu Nambu, 146, Tokyo, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at Memorial Auditorium.

In a second 10-rounder, Karl Vinson, 160½, Sacramento, scored a fourth round knockout over Jose Martin Flores, 160, National City.

Johnny Allen, 197, Sacramento, dec. over Billy Ryan, 238, Fresno, (5); Nacho Jimenez, 133, Mexico, dec. over Fernando Gil, 135½, Los Angeles, (6).

Babe Griffin was the promoter and the gate was $4,452.

▲**San Diego** — Manual Lujan, 125½, San Diego, took a 10 round decision over Richie Alvarado, 123, Los Angeles, but ended up with a perforation of his left ear.

The Athletic Commission physician set Lujan down for a 30 day rest.

Jose Gonzalez, 138½, San Diego, dec. over Basilo Onate, 136, National City, (6); Wayne Beale, 148, San Diego, and Chico Jeronimo, 146, Mexico, drew (5); Abdul Bey, 126, Chicago, KO over Jorge Torres, 127½, Los Angeles, (6).

▲**San Francisco** — WBA featherweight kingpin Alexis Arguello, 128½, showed why he is one of the best fighters, pound for pound, in the ring today.

The rangy native of Nicaragua hardly worked up a sweat in disposing of well regarded Rosalio Muro, 127¾, San Luis, Mexico.

Arguello just picked his spots and dropped Muro once in the first round, then finished him off in the second with a volley of lefts and rights.

The non title 10-rounder attracted a poor turnout of 2,822 fans and a gate of $29,002.

All the supporting bouts were 10-rounders and went the distance.

Ruben Vasquez, 146½, Mexico City, dec. over Herman Grimaldo, 144½, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Cesar Kee, 110, Mexicali, Mex., dec. over Antonio Sanchez, 113, Los Angeles.

Young Casanova, 117, Mexicali, Mex., dec. over Mario Mendez, 117, San Jose, Costa Rica.

▲**Los Angeles** — Carlos Palomino, the Long Beach State College student, had no trouble finding Stockton's Johnny Pinedo with whatever he threw in their brief main event at the Olympic Auditorium.

Palomino, 148½, won the first round handily. In the second, with a series of blows, culminating with a left to the body and a right to the head, he floored Pinedo, 148.

The Northern Cal boxer rolled over and took the ten count. It was Carlos' 16th win against one loss and two draws.

Alex Agosto, 130, Los Angeles, and Ignacio Bravo, 129, Los Angeles, drew (6); Johnny Jensen, 123, Los Angeles, dec. over Tino Gonzalez, 124, East Los Angeles, (6).

▲**Los Angeles** — A new promotional group, headed by Miguel Almaraz, opened up boxing at the small Sons of Herman Auditorium in downtown Los Angeles.

Featherweight Sergio Ayala, 127, Mexico City, climbed off the floor in the sixth round to edge David Sotelo, 128, Los Angeles, in a wild, free swinging brawl.

Jimmy Jackson, 148, Los Angeles, took a close six round decision over Juvencio Bernal, 146, Mexico, in the six round semifinal.

▲**Los Angeles** — Vicente Saldivar of Northern Mexico remained unbeaten, scoring a unanimous 10 round decision over Memin Becerra of Mexico City.

The skirmish took place at the Olympic Auditorium before 2,642 fans.

Saldivar, no relation to the former world featherweight champion by the same name, was the winner in seven out of the ten rounds.

Saldivar weighed 128½, Becerra, 127.

Rufino Hernandez, 117, Los Angeles, KO over Sal Flores, 120, East Los Angeles, (5); Mike Corbet, 163, Los Angeles, dec. over Danny Brewer, 167, Los Angeles, (5); Fernando Gil, 136½, Mexico, and Pete Costancio, 135, Los Angeles, drew (5).

▲**Los Angeles** — Willie (Bird Legs) Jenson, 112, Las Vegas, taught Lalo Galindo, 112, Mexico, a boxing lesson before 3,100 folks at the Olympic Auditorium.

It was the 19th consecutive victory for Jenson, who out-sped Galindo in most of the rounds. It was the first setback for Lalo after 10 straight.

Jenson is not a big puncher, but he landed plenty of left hands to keep Galindo off balance.

Frankie Estrada, 120, Los Angeles, KO over Freddie Gonzalez, 117, East Los Angeles, (1); Zef Gonzalez, 145, Montebello, KO over Derold Garbutt, 146½, Los Angeles, (4); Ramon Contreras, 133, East Los Angeles, dec. over Rafael Preciado, 135, Mexico, (5).

GRIFFITH ALL-PRO IN DEFEAT OF SAENZ

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with power.

In round six, Emile showed complete mastery as he pasted Saenz nearly at will while leaning against the ropes, at center ring and anywhere else that Leo was in arms reach.

To his credit, Leo helped make the fight by his steady boring in tactics, but catching Emile with telling punches seemed to be out of his reach. Round eight was another big frame for the now almost cocky Griffith as he scored well to the body and head while slipping several dangerous rights.

In round ten an obviously pleased Griffith indulged in a little side-to-side dancing, hands down, while a discouraged Saenz kept up the chase. The scoring, all for Griffith: referee Tom Kelly 48-44; Judge Ray Klingmeyer 49-41; Judge Joe Bunso 48-45.

"I enjoyed my stay here very much," said Emile in a post-fight interview. "Saenz is really a beautiful kid," added Emile, "I told him I'd be glad to give him a rematch."

Surrounded by well-wishers and the press Griffith said there was a good chance he would appear in Washington again in the near future. But manager Gil Clancy noted that Emile has a fight with Tap Tap Mathanikini, in South Africa, in August and a scheduled Junior middleweight title match lined up for early Fall.

Promoter Eli Hanover rounded out his show with four six rounders and two eight round welterweight contests.

In the sixes: John Berry, 220¾, Washington decisioned Moses Harrell, 204¼, Philadelphia. Ronnie Gibbons, 145¼, Liverpool, England TKO'd Angel Citron, 141, Puerto Rico, at 1:52 of the third. Bobo Renfrow, 268, Washington, decisioned Matt Robinson, 222¼, Washington.

John Wilburn, 166, Baltimore TKO'd Oliver Lewis, 166¾, Potomac at 2:18 of the fifth.

In the eights: Floyd Mayweather, 149, Baltimore won a split decision over Tyrone Phelps, 145¾, New York.

Tim Blue Walker, 142¾, Washington won unanimously over Roberton Medina, 143, Santo Domingo.

TAYLOR FINDS THREE AGAINST ● HARRIS ENOUGH IN MONTREAL ●

By FRANK ALLNUTT

MONTREAL — Former Montreal boxer, Paul Collette who retired from ring action six months ago at the age of twenty three branched out as a promoter in Montreal. In the main event on his first card Ron Harris, the 1968 U.S. Olympic lightweight champion, ran his record to twelve straight wins by disposing of John Taylor by a K.O. in the third round.

Due to last minute pull-outs by boxers on the supporting card, hurried replacements were forced upon the young promoter. Fernand Marcotte Jr., 160¾, now fighting out of Montreal had no opposition from Gary St. Germaine (Toronto) 169 who was halted in the fourth round. Barry Sponagle (New Glasgow) 139¼ likewise had an easy night when Willie Williams (Cleveland) 138¾ decided to go into his mattress commercial at 2.45 of the third. Roy Johnson (Montreal) 145 was a unanimous decision winner over aging Julio Mandell (Toronto) 144. Over six rounds Michel Godin (Montreal) 150¼ and Joe Huston (Mass.) went for a draw.

▲Chicoutimi, Que. — After winning his fight the night before in Montreal, Ron Harris appeared in this non-licensed area to pick up some spending money. At 2.21 of the initial round it was curtains for one, Tony Batera (New York).

Bob Shelling (Montreal) KOed Paul Adams (Mass.). Carl Weston unanimous decision winner over Joe Huston (Mass.).

Jim Legace (Quebec) won a decision over Jim Henry (Montreal). In final fight of the night, Jean-Yves Filion and Marc Gervais (Hull) boxed a draw at the welterweight limit.

▲Toronto — Advertised as a Stellar Boxing Card, promoters International Boxing Enterprises set for the St. Lawrence Market Auditorium bombed out when about two hundred fans showed. The super attraction of the evening did not take place as advertised when Art 'The Giant' Robinson, Indianapolis Champion at 275 pulled out from his match with Horst Geisler (Toronto) 252. Not un-daunted by this setback and at great expense the promoters bought in from Cleveland Reggie Flemming 212. Less than six minutes after the initial bell the main event was all done when Flemming decided enough was enough and took the count.

In a pair of six rounders, Rufus Roadrunner (Ottawa) 160 did not live up to his name when he was decisioned by George Jacobs (Cleveland) 164. Danny Stokes (Toronto) lost a decision to Gaeton Hart (Hull) 140. The card did nothing for Toronto boxing and for this fistic extra extravaganza International Boxing Enterprises gave the fans a real break when they priced 100 special ringside seats at a mere $10. and all other seats $6. At these prices all the Toronto fans can hope for is that the promoters never put on a real fight card.

▲Edmonton — Taking part in his second bout held at Slave Lake, former Canadian lightweight champion, Al Ford (Edmonton) won a unanimous ten round decision over Roscoe Frazier (Seattle). Ford, at 139 at the conclusion of the fight had won all ten rounds from Frazier who weighed 141. Other bouts resulted as follows. Tommy Howard (Spokane) 151½ ten round decision winner over Tony McDaniel (Wash.) 151½. Pat Duncan (Oregon) 210 stopped Gary 'Hobo' Wiler (Seattle) at the 58 second mark of round eight.

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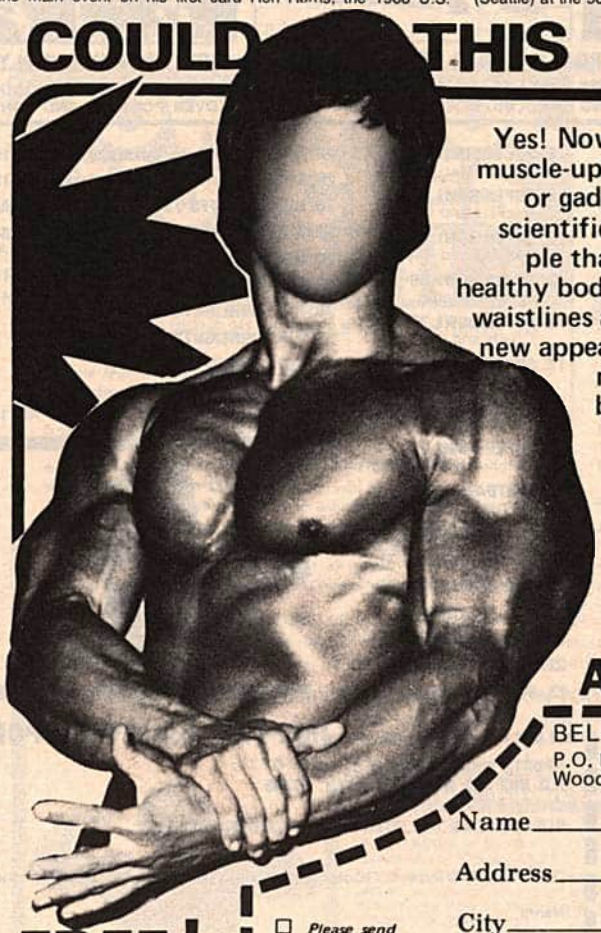

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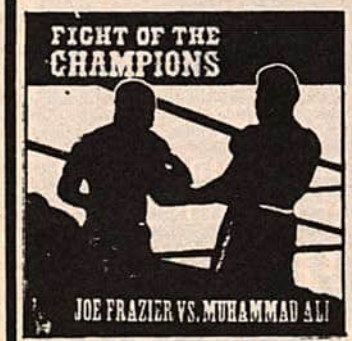

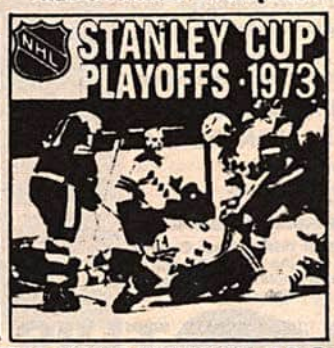

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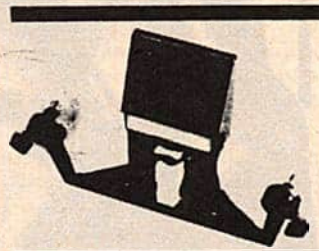

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ESCALERA MADE GOOD ON TITLE PROMISE

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"The change in climate and food didn't agree with me. I fight best in the hot tropical climate of Puerto Rico," explained Alfredo.

He did take revenge on Mario Roman, one of his conquerors, by flattening him in a return match in San Juan. Then came the much awaited for title match with Shibata.

I asked his manager Fileberto Lebron what is programmed for Escalera for the immediate future. He stated, "We have a title match with Lionel Hernandez, in Caracas, for September, then possibly Tyrone Everett, of Philadelphia, and later Erik Paulsen, of Norway."

There is a local lad who is rated very highly by name of Samuel Serrano. What about him?

"We know he just beat Victor Echegaray of Argentina quite handily, but he is not in the immediate plans," said Lebron.

Lebron closed by saying, "Serrano walked out on an Escalera match after it was booked some time back."

Although Escalera at one time considered shooting for a Roberto Duran match, it looks as if he will be staying in his class for quite a while. He's got some money matches coming up before he can consider going into the 135-lb. class.

He has no weight problem, and now that he has that crown on his head he is training with greater seriousness and care.

If he maintains this condition he should be champion for quite a while.

Alfredo Escalera is an avid reader of The Ring Magazine and was anxious to clarify that the new record book (1975 edition) should list that he scored a knockout over Oscar Pitton. This was for the year 1974. Another fact that he wanted to mention was the omission of his bout in November 1974 against Rodriguez Valdez, which he won by a knockout in the first round. This bout took place in Puebla, Mexico.

All former Puerto Rican titleholders have been hefty punchers.

Sixto Escobar in the bantam class, Carlos Ortiz in the lightweight division and Jose Torres in the light-heavyweight class were all noted for their crushing left hooks.

Escalera has the added advantage that, although built for speed and boxing skill, he has a powerful left hook-right cross combination that is unmatched in his division. Because of his reach, you would assume that he would box and move more. However, the power behind his blows are derived from the fact that he seems to be nailed to the ground and that he has cat-like reactions when he has his man set for the kill.

He tends to be overanxious when he has his man on queer street and will toss leather from all angles, but has been carefully polished by trainer Victor Valle.

"The idea is to hit the target with more power and less exertion," says Victor . . .

WHAT'S NEXT FOR ROBERTO DURAN?

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Time is now a major factor in the career of Duran. The most recent three champions from Panama did not set records for longevity. Enrique Pinder held the world bantamweight title for six months; Ismael Laguna was lightweight king for 13 months, losing and regaining the title in the process; and Ernesto Marcel was the WBA featherweight titleholder for 18 months until he retired.

So Duran has outlasted them all, reigning as champion for over three years. He has put to rest the rumor that Central American boxers burn themselves out fast when they start living the good life.

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that Roberto will go down as one of the all-time greats in his division. But many men have failed to move up in class and make it to the top of a new division. Ray Robinson failed in the light heavies, Billy Conn and Archie Moore didn't make it in the heavyweights. The same can be said of Bob Foster. Jose Napoles missed in the middleweight division.

Carlos Eleta likes to think of his tiger in the same class as Henry Armstrong, Barney Ross, Tony Canzoneri, Emile Griffith, Dick Tiger, Carmen Basilio and Bob Fitzsimmons, all double and triple champions. Only time will bear out this hope, as Duran waits for his destiny to be fulfilled.

U.S. OLYMPIC HOPEFULS WIN 7 CONTINENTAL TITLES

By LEW MATUSOW

Miami, Fla. — The United States captured seven titles and brightened its Olympic hopes in the final day in the North American Continent Boxing title bouts at the City of Miami's Marine Stadium.

Canada, showing surprising power before a crowd of 2,300 and a national television audience estimated at 12 million, placed second in the pre-Olympic competition, giving the U.S. and its Northern neighbor 10 of the 11 titles during the three-day tournament.

Only a victory by Costa Rica's light flyweight, Dennis Francisco-Lizano, stopped the two North American countries from completely dominating the tournament.

American boxers, led by the punching power of middleweight Tommy Brooks of San Diego, Calif., and heavyweight Michael Dokes of Akron, Ohio, smashed their way to easy, yet impressive victories.

Brooks, showing a quick, powerful right hand, caught Nathaniel Knowles of the Bahamas early in their bout and continued the onslaught relentlessly.

With 1:08 gone in the first round, Knowles took another Brooks right and turned to his corner, asking for help. The fight was stopped with the ring physician found that Knowles had suffered a broken jaw.

In the heavyweight contest, the United States continued to dominate their opponents as Dokes considered by many as the United States' Olympic heavyweight, pounded Gilbert Acuna of Costa Rica with a barrage of punches, catching his opponent with numerous head shots. The referee, Rollie Schwartz, seeing Acuna's defenseless position, stopped the bout at 1:27 of the first round.

Ray Leonard, light welterweight from Palmer Park, Md., and welterweight Clinton Jackson of Evergreen, Ala., also smashed their way to victory in the Miami contests.

Leonard defeated Michel Briere of Canada in 1:27 of the second round. Jackson, the only amateur boxer to ever win back-to-back AAU and Golden Gloves titles for two consecutive years, stopped Michael McCallum of Jamaica in 2:40 of the first round.

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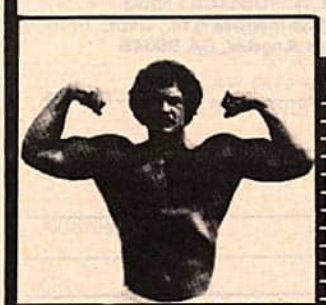

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RINGSIDE

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resigned over a salary dispute. . . . Veteran fight trainer, Lou Gross, is working with boxers at the gym in Miami Beach—never missing a day—and then when he is through sometimes rides to Palm Beach, Fla., to visit his daughter Sharon—his daughter Gail is "top gal" in public relations at the Hotel Taft in N.Y.C., right on 7th Ave., in the heart of Manhattan—where I always stay when in Gotham. . . . Scott Ledoux, Minneapolis heavyweight, is managed by Arnold Palmer, millionarie sportsman who claims his fighter is a more accurate hitter than the golfer of the same name. . .You have to be realistic about it, when ring historians list the names of those they consider to be the worst heavyweight title contenders—the name of Joe Bugner will be prominently displayed at the top of the dubious rating—a young man getting the biggest shot of his life against an aging Ali—and he didn't even give it a try! ! Pete Lello, former Chicago lightweight, took a job with Automatic Electric 25 years ago—and he's still there. . .Lello boxed the best in the division in the thirties and forties. . . . Don't look for veteran gal promoter, Aileen Eaton to retire—she probably would, if she had someone to take over—Jerry Quarry, former heavyweight contender from Los Angeles, made his singing debut at Branding Iron nightery in San Bernardino, Calif.; the name of his group is Jerry Quarry with Pleasure! ! The passing of veteran boxing manager, Bobby Gleason in N.Y.C., leaves boxing with a great loss. . .active up to his death at the age of 83—Gleason ran his gym—and developed fighters for many years—a big loss to the fight game. . . . Randy Shields slated for a world title fight with Japan's Guts Ishimatsu (W.B.C. lightweight crown) in mid-November. . . . Good to hear that my old friend Chris Dundee is feeling much better—after his recent illness—and has now resumed his duties as top right promoter at Miami Beach—his son, Mike, took over the promotional reins while dad was "not up to par". . .uncle Angelo was also there to help out. . . . Portland, Oregon manager, Mike Morton, anxious to get his top lightweight contender, Ray Lampkin back in action. . .Ray had been sidelined since his almost ill-fated clash with hard punching Roberto Duran—which left him in a Panama hospital for a week—back doing his roadwork—and light gym duty. . . . Director of International Boxing Enterprises, Vern Stephenson, has announced that future boxing shows in Canada will be promoted by Miss Mary-Ann Smith, girlfriend of current Dominion middleweight champ Lawrence Hafey—brother of featherweight contender Art. . .sooooo remember the name—Mary-Ann Smith, and remember the face—beautiful!!!! Good to hear from Jack Levinson, Ring Magazine scribe, covering the Virginia fight clubs—Jack is on the mend from a severe heart attack a year ago—we wish him the very, very best. . . . While in Virginia—the word is that boxing will resume at the 11,000 seat Scope in Norfolk—but—with rental at 1 grand—plus $400 for ushers, ticket takers, etc—then the city tax—state tax—plus federal "bite"—I hope they can sell out for every show—they'll have to!! It is time for aging and shopworn heavyweight contender, Terry Daniels to "hand 'em up" for his own good—he has never disgraced himself "inside of the hemp". . .but he is now being thumped by youngsters—and there is just nowhere for him to go from here—he has money—(family does)—time to quit, Terry!! They are looking for a big fight to put Chicago back on the fistic map—what about George Foreman with Ken Norton—it would be a good match—and I am sure Norton is looking to atone for his showing last time out with Foreman. . . . "Pinny" Shafer, manager of Philadelphia's Sammy Goss, wants him to quit boxing—and it would be a smart move on the part of the gamecock. . . . When in Dewey Fragetta's company, don't mention "age" to the veteran boxing booking agent who has his office on West 58th in N.Y.C.—Dewey doesn't talk "age"!! Richard Viscusi, son of the great veteran fight manager, Lou, is in the marketing business in Houston, Texas. . .he will not go into boxing as his dad did many years ago. . . . Two bright British hopefuls, light-heavyweight Billy Knight and heavyweight Eddie Neilson were in Los Angeles "on loan" from British promoter, Mickey Duff. . . . Bobby Chacon is still chriping about his having to pay that $2500 fine to the California State Athletic Commission, for not being in shape for his world title fight with his conqueror, Ruben Olivares—but this should be a good lesson for Bobby—who has "in-laws" signed on as manager and trainer. . . . Years ago N.Y.C. was the fight capitol of the world—but recently Joe DeMaria, who manages the Viruet Brothers—Edwin and Adolpho, moved his fighters to California—because "he couldn't get work in N.Y. any longer". . .not enough fight clubs operating anymore in the "Fun City". . . . Jimmy DePiano, father of middleweight Mike Rossman, figures his kid can make it all the way to the top, and I must admit, young Mike (he uses his mother's maiden name) is improving with each fight—he does look good at that. . . .

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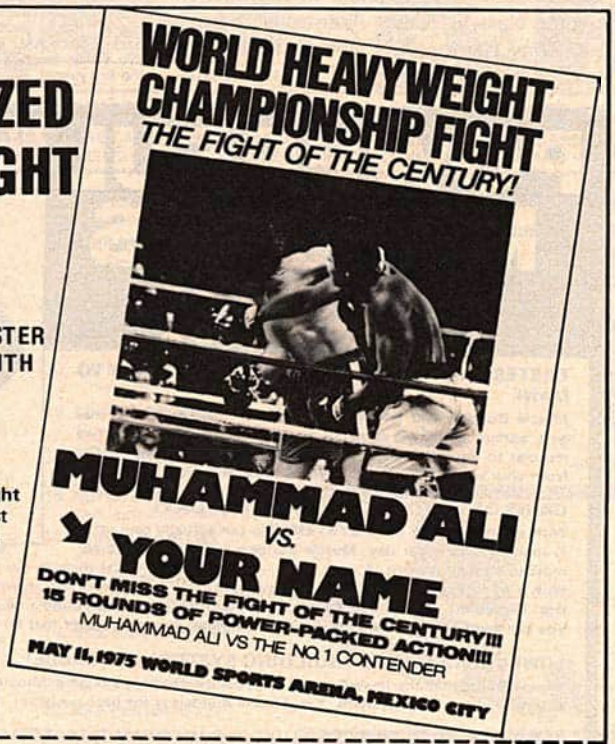

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ALONG THE VBA TRAIL
By SCOOP GALLELLO

Joe Baski, former heavyweight contender is ill after a siege in an upstate N.Y. hospital. A nationwide raffle is in progress by the Westchester County VBA Ring #30, proceeds earmarked for the "Baksi Fund."

Bobby Gleason. . .former boxing man who handled many fistic hopefuls, including former feather king Phil Terranova, has passed away at age 84. He was a dedicated boxing man, and worked as hard with the prelim boys he handled as with his top-rated pugs.

▲**The International Veteran Boxers Association** is holding its annual convention at the Mt. Airy Lodge, Pocono, Pa.: on Fri.-Sat.-Sun.—Oct. 17-18-19. Being hosted by Ring #14 of New Jersey. Information can be obtained by writing to this reporter or Ring #14 president Charlie Spina at 443 Thomas Ave., Lyndhurst, N.J. 07071.

▲**Bucky Jones**. . .Veteran ringster from Morristown, N.J., has been inducted into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame with festivities at Diamond Jim's, Matawan, N.J.

▲**Charlie Gellman**. . .director of Jewish Memorial Hospital in N.Y. has again "come thru" for the Veteran Boxer. This time he has admitted to his domain former boxer Phil Bloom, who was found wandering around in Brooklyn in a dazed condition. Gellman has aided many fistic luminaries down thru the years, and presently is handling the affairs of former middleweight king Mickey Walker, who is confined to an Asbury, N.J., nursing home. Any donations toward helping Walker would be appreciated.

▲**Ladies Aux'ly of the IVBA**. . .Recently held its first annual dinner dance at Biase's Restaurant in Bloomfield, N.J. Honorees were former fisticuffers Babe Amos, Nick Chimienti and Solly Seeman, also club honorees Dee Gallello and posthumously to Millie Messina. Dias guests included Al Couture, and the master of the microphone, Sam Taub.

▲**Joe Poodles Sr**. . .Is the new prexy of Ring 101 of Baltimore. Poodles is a longtime boxing man, having put many years into this field. His son, Joe Jr., was a very good leather slinger in his day.

▲**John Antonacci**. . .former prexy of Ring #56 of Syracuse, is again the top man, having been returned to office after a lapse of 2 years.

▲**Ring #103**. . .of Somerset County, N.J., recently held its annual banquet at Dorian Manor in Madison Township. Honored Guests were Charlie Fusari, Tony Galento, Jersey Joe Walcott, Steve Bellise, Joe Borell, Archie Devino, Al Certo, Mickey Esposito, Babe Orlando, Joe O'Gatti, Artie Levine, Al Couture, Joey Giardello, Rocky Graziano, Willie Pep and your reporter. Special guest was heavyweight contender Chuck Wepner.

▲**Ring #30**. . .of Westchester County held its 10th annual banquet at the Seven Pines in Mamaroneck, N.Y. Among the honorees were: Tony Messina, Frankie Dempsey, Frankie Corvino, who is New Rochelle's first and only Golden Gloves champion. Posthumous awards to former feather king Mike Belloise and posthumously entered in the Westchester County Boxing Hall of Fame, Tony Ferrara, who was killed in the Battle of the Bulge. Guest speaker was state senator Joseph Pisani, who is also the chief attorney for the IVBA.

▲**Ring #56**. . .of Syracuse held their annual banquet at the Lemoyne Manor in that area.

▲**Ring #105**. . .of Harrisburg, Pa., held their first annual dinner-dance.

▲**Jimmy O'Gatty**. . .brother of the late fistic bantamweight Packey O'Gatty, is back home in his Hollywood, Calif., abode after a heart seizure.

▲**Louis Phal**. . .better known in his fistic heyday as Battling Siki, has been dead since 1923. He was a former light heavyweight champion, winning the title from Georges Carpentiere and losing it to Mike McTigue. It came to the attention of this reporter that Siki, after all these years, lies in a Long Island cemetery without a headstone. No one but the caretaker knows his body is interred there. After weeks of writing and calling the newspapers, stone cutters, and the cemetery, things are swiftly progressing toward a headstone with the proper inscription being placed at the Siki grave site. It is being donated by the International Veteran Boxers Assoc. This corner always believed, that a man must die with a bit of dignity.

▲**Ring #30**. . .of Westchester County is holding a boxing extravaganza at the end of this summer which is being sponsored by Ring 30, New Rochelle Recreation Commission and New Rochelle Little League. The purpose is to bring boxing back to Westchester. Admission is free. Most of the credit for this show belongs to the new director of recreation in New Rochelle, Joe Curis, along with his aide Fred Todora.

▲**Ring #25**. . .Newark, N.J., held its annual banquet at DeMaio's, Whippany, N.J.

▲**November 1st**. . .is the date of two different functions amongst the veteran boxers. IVBA Ring #104 of Rome, N.Y., will hold its affair at the Beechies in that area. Also at this date, the ailing Joe Baksi will be honored by the Iron Workers Local #12 of the Capital District, at Michael's Banquet House in Lapham, N.Y. The driving force behind this project are former boxers Tony Tufo and Luke Rocco. Contact Tony at 2 Gridley Ave., Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

BOXING ON WAY BACK IN TIDEWATER DISTRICT
By JACK LEVINSON

NORFOLK, VA. — Professional boxing returning to the Tidewater area. The enterprise headed by Joe Shortal.

Their first card will be presented in October. Keith Kelly, a 6'2e aspirant, weighing 205, will be making his professional debut. Bill Press, who has assisted Keith throughout his amateur years, has reached the limit of his knowledge so he has secured the services of Beau Jack, former leightweight champion, of the professional ranks, to further the fistic ambitions of the 6'2" Keith Kelly.

Keith is a black belt holder in Karate.

▲Bobby Jordan of Norfolk, the reigning amateur Athletic Union heavyweight champion, scored a split-decision victory over Richmonder Donald Spellman at the Richmond Arena.

▲Rich Harris, the Norfolk sailor, who lost to Bobby Jordan in the state AAU tournament last month, decisioned his conqueror at the Norfolk Arena. The affair was sponsored by the Tidewater Amateur Boxing Association.

RESULTS:

80 lbs. Wayne Saunders (R.C.) won 3rd Dec. over Lorenzo Bunch (Y.P.).
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100 lbs. Eric Everett, Norfolk, won 3rd Dec. over Donald Stone, Maryland.
110 lbs. Reggie Parker, Norfolk won 3rd Dec. over Steve Staley, Maryland.
106 lbs. Daniel Ceraide, Norfolk, won 3rd Dec. over Donald Harris, Little Creek.
112 lbs. Shivis Hale, R.B.C. won 3rd Dec. over Scott Schneider, N.P.
125 lbs. Kenny Bass, Little Cr., won 3rd Dec. over Maurice Haskins, Maryland.
132 lbs. Neil Allen, Md., won 3 rd. KO over Vincent Amaya, Newport News.
139 lbs. Rayford Collins (LC), won 3 rd Dec. over Dale Staley, Maryland
147 lbs. Freddie Tuttle, Md., won 3 rd Dec. over Reuban Nuncio, Little Creek.
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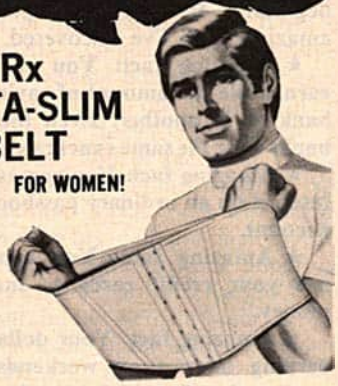

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Ken Norton kayoed Jose Luis Garcia, 5.
Jimmy Young stopped Robert Lloyd, 6.
Larry Holmes kayoed Obie English, 7.
Ron Stander kayoed Bruce Scott, 2.
Pat Duncan stopped Gary Wiler, 8.
Eddie Neilson beat John L. Johnson, 8.
Lou Esa kayoed Clarence Morris, 1.
Bill Sharkey stopped Bob Crutison, 5.
Roberto Castro beat Al Benjamin, 6.
John Berry defeated Moses Harrell, 6.
Bobo Renfrow outpointed Matt Robinson, 6.
Tommy Fields beat Henry Washington, 6.
Ibar Arrington decisioned Harold Carter, 8.
Scott LeDoux drew with George Johnson, 10.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

John Conteh beat Willie Taylor, 10.
Domenico Adinolfi halted Frankie Evans, 7.
Jessie Burnett outpointed Alvaro Lopez, 10.
Ateve Axzel kayoed Peter Clay, 2.
Ray Elson halted Dave Hilton, 9.
John Wilburn stopped Oliver Lewis, 5.
Pedro Soto decisioned Mike Quarry, 10.
Willie Houston halted Wayne Lewis, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Rodrigo Valdez beat Rudy Robles, 15, W.B.C. Middleweight title.
Vito Antuofermo decisioned Vinnie Curto, 10.
Bennie Briscoe won from Eddie Gregory, 10.
Elijah Makhathini decisioned Emile Griffith, 10, Griffith defeated Leo Saenz, 10.
Mike Rossman kayoed Mike Nixon, 7.
Rico Hoye stopped Kid Totas, 6.
Mike Colbert beat Danny Brewer, 5, Steve Tohill, 6.
Cole St John outpointed Billy Kizer, 5.
Joe Parson stopped Jeff Knight, 4.
Nick Peoples halted John Coiley, 8.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Elish Obed kayoed Gene Wells, 5.
Larry Paul stopped Colin Davies, 5.
Ramon Mendez halted Ricky Ortiz, 2.
Jesse Toro beat Roscoe Frazier, 4.
Tommy Howard defeated Nick Peoples, 10.
Rocky Mosley kayoed Tony McDaniel, 1.
Daryl Penna beat Eugene White, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Mando Ramos lost to Tony Martinez, 10.
Ronnie Gibbons kayoed Angel Cintron, 3.
Floyd Mayweather defeated Tyrone Phillips, 8.
Larry Bonds outpointed Mike Mayon, 10.
Zeferino Gonzalez kayoed Derold Garbutt, 4.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Hector Thompson beat Pedro Adigue, 10, kayoed Shinichi Kadota, 5.
Jimmy Heair stopped Laudial Negron, 5.
Leoncio Ortiz halted Clemente Mucino, 2.
Emiliano Villa kayoed Jorge Richards, 1.
Lou Bizzarro defeated Hector Matta, 10.
Cemal Kamaci stopped Klaus Klein, 1.
Tim Walker outpointed Roberto Medina, 8.
Al Franklin stopped Sammie Black, 3.
Saoul Mamby kayoed Chuck Wilburn, 3.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ken Buchanan kayoed Giancarlo Usai, 12, E.B.U. Lightweight Title.
Angel Mayoral beat Mike Mayan, 10.
Randy Shields defeated Arturo Pineda, 10.
Rudy Barro lost to Alfonso Frazier, 10.
Nani Marrero defeated Angel Robinson Garcia, 10.
Hector Matta lost to Lou Bizzarro, 10.
Buzzsaw Yamabe outpointed Javier Muniz, 10.
Vilomar Fernandez beat Ray Lunny III, 10.
Juan Hidalgo kayoed Jose Alonso, 5.
Dom Monaco halted Bobby Guthridge, 5.
Paddy Dolan beat Angel Cintron, 6.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ray Lunny lost to Vilomar Fernandez, 10.
Felix Sune kayoed Jose Escudero, 2.
Emilio Salcedo drew with Jorge Miranda, 10.
Heriberto Perez beat Hy. Stewart, 4.
Jose Herrera drew with Elias Gonzalez, 4.
Rodolfo Francis kayoed Jose Cervantes, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Art Hafey beat Alberto Reyes, 10.
Lionel Hernandez kayoed Mario Mendez, 10.
Danny Lopez stopped Raul Cruz, 6.
Octavio Gomez beat Rafael Herrera, 10, Fel Clements, 10.
Simmie Black outpointed Rocky Smith, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Rafael Herrera lost to Octavio Gomez, 10.
Andres Hernandez kayoed Ben Ali, 2.
Heleno Ferreira halted Lucio Vailati, 3.
Eusebio Pedroza stopped Guillermo Almongod, 7.
Gilbert Illueca defeated Emilio Hernandez, 10.
Sean O'Grady kayoed Victor Luna, 1, beat Harvey Wilson, 10.
Wilfredo Gomez stopped Jacinto Fuentes, 2.

FLYWEIGHTS

Fernando Cabanela beat Famosito Gomez, 10.
Alfonso Lopez kayoed Hildo Roche, 2.
Jaime Rios stopped Juan Disla, 5.
Willie Jensen outpointed Lalo Galindo, 10.
Jorge Lujan stopped Reyes Arnal, 5.
Rigoberto Marcano beat John Cajina, 12.
Ben Rodriguez halted Gabe Ortega, 4.
Alfonso Lopez kayoed Hildo Roche, 2.
Bobby Holderfield beat Manny Lopez, 6.

ELLIOTT, JERSEY'S LATEST STAR, STOPS CASADA IN 7

By RONNIE BURNS BOUSE

ELIZABETH, N.J. — Promoter Lou Duva presented another well balanced pro show at the Elizabeth Armory, starlighting the Dublin born Christy Elliott before a pleasing crowd which grossed in the middle of $8,000.

At the bell the Irishman moved right out determined to take out New York based Ray Casada, 170, but soon knew that it was not to be after hitting his foe with his best shots to the chin and body and nothing happened.

The following rounds saw Elliott score jabs, hooks and rights to the husky Casada's body and face as the bell for the seventh rang the bloodied and spent Spanish fighter received another volley start to sag which prompted referee Ron Burns to halt the contest

Elliott gained his 13th win in a row in the first year of pro boxing and started hollering for Mike Quarry, Rossman and any other rated lightheavys whom he claims are all ducking him.

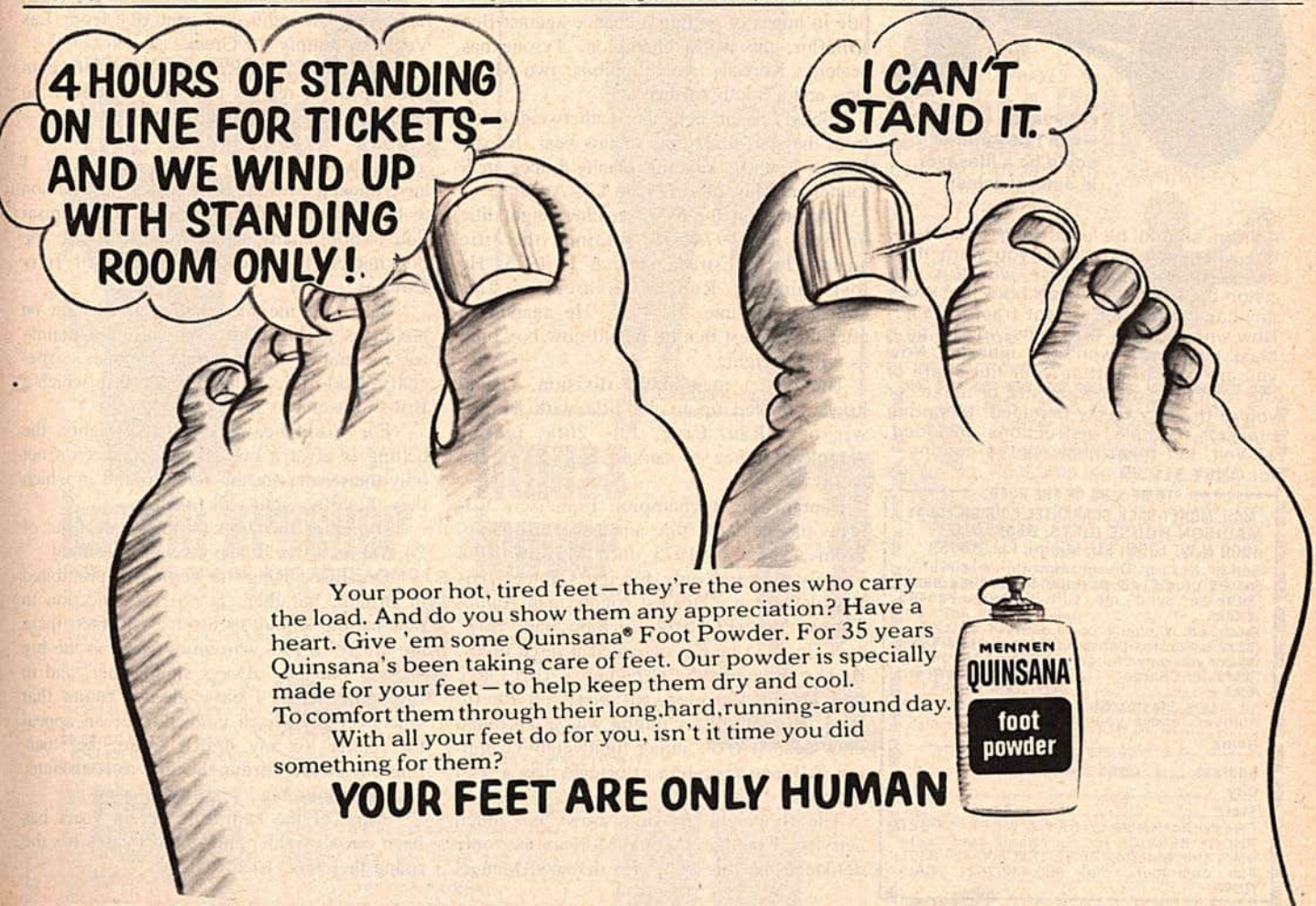
The semi eight saw Eddie Parks, 151, Paterson (16-5-1), lose a decision to the green Jose Elias, NYC.

The third eight saw Larry Giello, 156, Bayonne, stop Nikita Tarhocker in the fourth in an exciting fight.

Reggie Jones, Olympic boxer, gained a close six over crowd pleasing Ali Perez, New York, in a middle contest.

John Turner, 156 pound New Yorker, score another KO win, over Paterson's game Pete Pagan in the third.

Jose Roman, 128, Paterson stopped Joe Jones, 128, NYC in the first.



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U.S. CHAMPIONS-BOOM TO BOXING

(Continued from page 23)

Frank Davila, John Copeland, Bobby Gutheridge and Benny Huertas, and also drew with Huertas. Petronelli is rated No. 8 in the world.

Next comes lightweight champion Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore., who lost twice in his bid for the U.S. title against Esteban DeJesus. When the Puerto Rican champion gave up the title and moved into the junior welterweight division, Lampkin became champion. He defended the title against Nick Alfaro, Al Foster and Miguel Mayon. Being U.S. king, Ray got a shot at Roberto Duran's world crown. Lampkin became an instant TV hero, as he gave the champ more than he bargained for until Panama's heat got the best of him. Duran kayoed him in the 14th round.

This is the longest anyone has gone with Duran, one of the all-time greats in his division. Most people felt that if they met again in an air-conditioned stadium the result would be a new American world champion. Lampkin is the world's No. 1 contender.

Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia southpaw, won the junior lightweight crown from Trenton's Sammy Goss on May 13, 1974, in Philly. Since winning the title Everett has boxed only foreign fighters. He is using his title in hopes of getting a chance against Ben Villaflor, the world champion. Tyrone has beaten a Korean, two Filippinos, two Mexicans and a South African.

Bobby Chacon held the featherweight title from the start until June of this year. He defended it once, kayoing Danny Lopez in 9 rounds on May 24, 1974, in Los Angeles.

Chacon won the WBC featherweight title on Sept. 7, 1974. He retained the title against Jesus Estrada, March 1, 1975. He lost same to Ruben Olivares, in Los Angeles, on June 20, 1975. He announced after the contest that he would now box only as a lightweight.

The No. 1 man in the division, Danny Lopez, moved up to the title with a kayo win over Raul Cruz, July 26th, in Los Angeles. Lopez is ranked No. 10 in the world.

Bantamweight champion Francisco Villegas has held the title since the beginning. From August of 1973 until May of 1974 Francisco boxed only foreign fighters. His first defense was against countryman Andres Torres, May 30, 1974, in San Juan. However, in 1975 he has defended it three times. He has outpointed Felix Figueroa, Earl Large and David Vasquez, all bouts in Puerto Rico. His only other outing was a ten-round draw against WBC junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, not bad for a 120 pounder.

The flyweight division shows not much activity. Champion Tony Moreno has only defended the title once. He defeated Manuel Rodriguez on Sept. 17, 1974. Top men in the class are Raul Rosette, Alberto Davila, Salvatore Vasquez and Alfonso Vasquez, all from Los Angeles. Each has a chance to win the crown in the near future.

The powers in world boxing are now sitting up and taking notice of American boxers again. TV people want to use U.S. champions in world title bouts against the foreign champions, as they feel the American fan will now have someone to root for and the TV ratings for such shows will be greatly increased.

ALI HAS NOT KILLED OFF FIGHTS BETTING, IN U. S.,BRITAIN

REPORTS that Muhammad Ali had killed betting on boxing have been investigated by The Ring and found to be erroneous.

There was a letdown in wagering when Joe Louis was at his crest. But during Ali's reign, betting has accelerated through betting on rounds rather than results.

The big bets which got major publicity in the old days are not being wagered. These were man to man bets in the days when Considine's in New York was the gathering place of America's betting leaders.

Bet-A-Million Gates was one of the regulars; now the odds are sent out from Las Vegas by Jimmy the Greek.

Ron Olvar, the Ring representative in Great Britain, reports that there has been no reduction in fight betting there. He writes —

"With reference to betting on boxing, I have spoken to Sam Burns, who in addition to being head of the William Hill Organisation (whom many would regard as the top bookmakers in the country), managed Terry Downes.

"Sam told me that betting in Britain on boxing is as big as it ever was, but mainly for the major international contests, especially World title fights and those in which a British boxer was involved.

"For world heavyweight title fights, the betting is always big, as punters bet on not only the result, but the actual round in which they think the fight will finish.

"He added that he had known of a bet of £4,000 on a world heavyweight title fight.

"Organised Ringside betting is prohibited in Britain, but there is no real objection to fans betting among themselves. In fact, there are always a few who enjoy a bet at the big shows, and they always sit together, and in the same seats. I have always found that whenever there is a collection or an appeal for charity, or any similar cause, the "betting boys" are always the first to contribute, and contribute big.

"Most of the betting in recent years has been on Ali fights, and in most cases it's the round they have tried to name."

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HAS KEN BUCHANAN REALLY RETIRED?

(Continued from page 33)

People called Ken "dour," but then they call all Scots that. I always got on well with him. He had a good sense of humor, but was a shrewd businessman and a most likeable lad.

His break with manager Eddie Thomas a few years ago came as a big surprise. They seemed a perfect team. No one will ever know whether Ken would have done better had they stayed together.

It had been rumored for some time that Ken was contemplating retirement, but obviously several aspects of the Cagliari fight contributed to his decision.

Firstly, the eye trouble, which it is alleged was done by the referee's thumb accidentally going into his eye when the official went to break the boxers.

Ken said: "From the second or third I had double vision. This has never happened to me before. I couldn't see the punches coming, and I couldn't find my own range."

Next, the manner of the ending of the fight, with Usai having to be given the "kiss of life" in the ring, which prompted the Italian fans to start throwing bottles, etc.

Ken's father, Tommy, had six stitches in a head wound, and the glass from that bottle cut Ken's back to ribbons. The Board's Chief Inspector, Harry Vines, was hit by a bottle on the shoulder, and chief second Peter Renton was cut behind the ear.

You don't go through an incident like that without serious thought as to what might have happened to Usai or Ken.

"I feared for my life," he said. "And I consider myself lucky to have escaped without more injuries."

So quick was the exit of the British contingent that they left behind the European Championship Belt and the silver trophy.

It took only two days for Ken to make up his mind to retire.

He gave the following as his reasons: "I have always said I would retire when training became a hardship. And I have always said I would retire when I was at the top.

"I have talked it over with my wife, and shall not change my mind. The hotel that I own in Edinburgh is doing very well, and I am getting more and more involved in the running of it.

"My wife Carol gave birth to a daughter, Karen, just a fortnight before the Italian fight.

We also have a four-year-old son Mark, and I shall now be able to spend much more time with my family.

"Also, my eyesight is far more important than money.

"As to the offer to meet Roberto Duran again, he beat me in 1972 by foul blows, and I have been after him ever since for a return, which he has always refused.

"Now that I have announced my retirement, he suddenly wants to meet me.

"Maybe if the opportunity arose for us to meet in Britain, with British officials, I might have considered it. But he's not likely to box abroad, and British promoters have always seemed reluctant to use me on their bills. It is alleged that I'm too pricey, but they haven't even made offers.

"So why should I hang around on the off-chance of a world title fight abroad? The purse would have been around £15,000, but now that I've made my decision, I'm not going to be tempted. It wouldn't be fair to my wife and family.

"No, travelling for me is over, except for pleasure.

"I'll still retain an interest in boxing. My younger brother Alan is doing well as a pro, and I'll help him all I can. But as to taking out a license in any other category, say manager or promoter, we'll have to wait and see."

So ends a truly remarkable career. With that unenviable record of only four of his last 23 bouts in his own country, Ken will go down in fistic history as the best British fighter that Britain didn't seem to want. And more's the pity.

At this writing efforts are being made to cause Ken to reconsider and fight Roberto Duran in New York. It appears doubtful that he will do so.

STEVENSON STOPS BARLOW AND WASTES NO TIME

By PAT HANNA

Winston-Salem, N.C. — After an absence of nearly three years, professional boxing returned to Winston-Salem with a six-bout card at Ernie Shore Field.

The card was promoted by Pat Shetler, a former National Hockey League referee and now the general manager of the Winston-Salem Red Sox baseball team.

A crowd of 1,173 turned out to watch Hilbert Stevenson of Winston-Salem, ranked eighth in The Ring's U.S. junior lightweight ratings, score a second-round TKO over Gary Barlow of Lenoir, N.C. in the main event.

Stevenson, 126, raised his record to 21-3-1 by flooring Barlow three times in the second round. The first round was relatively even but Stevenson came out in the second and knocked down Barlow twice with body punches. Barlow wilted under Stevenson's pressure and went down for the third time, automatically ending the fight.

In a six-round preliminary, Rocky Bentley, a 210-pounder from Charlotte, N.C., took a unanimous decision from Freddie Young, 208, of Winston-Salem in a fight that was rather dull. Neither fighter landed much heavy leather.

In the only upset of the night, Beau Snead of High Point, N.C., holder of a 17-0 pro record coming into the fight, lost for the first time to Dixie Kid Mosby of Richmond, Va., on a third-round TKO. Snead won the first two rounds of the scheduled four-rounder but suffered a deep cut over his right eye toward the end of the second round and his manager wouldn't let him come out for the third. The 138-pound Snead wants a rematch with Mosby, 142, and it is likely to come soon in Richmond.

In another four-rounder, Steve St. Charles, a good-looking welterweight from Flint, Mich., scored a unanimous decision over Bruce Cornett of Lenoir, N.C. St. Charles, who once trained under Dick Sadler and Archie Moore, showed impressive boxing skills and had his man hurt in both the third and fourth rounds. Cornett was bleeding from the nose and mouth at the final bell. St. Charles is now 5-2.

Welterweight Anthony House of Winston-Salem pounded Leon Benjamin of Walnut Cove, N.C., into submission after one round with a series of right hands to the jaw. Benjamin offered little challenge after being staggered early in the round.

Finally, 120-pound Marvin Ladson of Winston-Salem made his pro debut with a unanimous four-round decision over Robert Gwyn, also of Winston-Salem. Ladson was in total domination from the outset but could not knock out his opponent.

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CHRISTY ELLIOTT, NEW IDOL

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Robert, on the other hand, wants to box all the time. He puts on Christy's boxing shoes and working hat and walks around his playpen (he calls it a ring) throwing punches and yelling, "knock-out!" His mother says he only wants to box with her at this point. Standing a mere 3'2" and weighing in at only 35 pounds, it seems as if it might be a while before the pee-wee pugilist, will be ready to take on his father!

The Elliotts met at a dance in Dublin eight years ago, where Christy was a "jack of all trades," according to his wife, working at construction, installing T.V. antennas and even working as a "bouncer" in a bar.

The 24-year-old Elliott, who was something of a national hero in his native country, held the Irish Amateur middleweight title for two years, and several junior titles before that. He was a member of the Irish National Boxing Team that competed in the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany.

He was spotted by his current managers, Lou and Carl Duva, at an International Amateur Boxing bout between Ireland and the U.S. at the Felt Forum in New York three years ago. They were so impressed with his natural ability that they brought him back to the U.S. in 1973 to compete for the New York Golden Gloves title. He returned to Ireland with the crown.

Since there is no professional boxing in Ireland, the Elliotts decided last year that a move to the United States would be in their, and their children's, best interests. So sure were they about Christy's potential as a world class professional boxer, that the Duvas again brought the talented fighter over to this country last summer to turn pro.

Elliott opened his professional career as a middleweight with a bang last August, when he KO'd his opponent, Carlos Espada, in the first round.

Since then, the tough undefeated Dubliner has begun to compete in the light heavyweight class. His toughest fight to date took place on Saint Patricks Day, when fighting his first ten-rounder, he scored an impressive decision over previously unbeaten Ned Hallacy, of Oklahoma.

Recently ranked ninth in the U.S. ratings, Elliott is looking to fight a top light heavyweight contender in the near future. It is rumored that his managers are considering matching Christy with the likes of Jimmy Dupree, Mike Quarry or Bob Cassidy.

Elliott, who says he plans to stay in the U.S. for good, and hopes to open a little bar of his own someday, says he won't stop till he gets to the top. "Number nine is not good enough," he declares.

The potential champion has quite a few fans who share his confidence including his wife. "I think he's going to be the champ," she states.

Although she's probably Christy's biggest fan, Mrs. Elliott confesses that she has been forced to miss a few of her husband's bouts since coming to this country because she "Can't always find a babysitter." With a dozen brothers and sisters back in Ireland and Christy with 15, this is one problem that the young mother has never faced before!

Homesickness and babysitter problems notwithstanding, Christy's ever-growing group of admirers and his desire to excell at boxing should be more than enough to overcome the obstacles he must face in order to meet his goal to become a world champion boxer.

THE RON LYLE-MIKE HAYES COMBO

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He'll stay with the Denver Boxing Club for awhile, but what then? Hayes, as vital as he is, needs challenge. Also, he says, "Material things are important to me. I didn't have them as a kid. I came from a broken home. I've never had anything. I've supported myself since the 8th grade. I had two paper routes. I've done everything: cooked donuts, bartended, worked in stock car racing, been a copy boy for a Peoria newspaper!

"I've seen the bottom, so I'm ready for the nice things for Linda and myself. And I'm working for them. Nobody's given me a thing. I've worked for everything. I make $16,500 a year. I'm underpaid, but I'm learning the business. I'm an apprentice. I've got four areas I can go into: television, radio, sportswriting, or public relations."

Hayes knows that boxing has been good for him, "Challenge is the word! Boxing is the most frustrating business, but it's taught me more than anything. It's the ultimate challenge." Also Mike says he's gotten two of his hugest thrills from the boxing business: knowing Ron Lyle and writing nearly a half dozen cover stories for THE RING.

PUNCH LINES

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